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Council's £10m loan proposal for innovation park

JAGUAR Land Rover could be lured to Oswestry with a £10 million investment to get a vacant business park off the ground, it has been revealed.

Shropshire Council will borrow the money to get work started on the planned Oswestry Innovation Park.

The council's Deputy Leader Steve Charmley confirmed the move. It comes after the project failed to gain any backing in the latest round of Marches Local Enterprise Partnership funding. Councillor Charmley said the council is keen for big employers to invest in Shropshire – and has been spurred on by the news JLR revealed last week that it is looking for a base in the Midlands.

The company already employs 1,000 at the new engine factory built on the i54 site at junction two of the M54. It is now looking to expand in the Midlands, with a £450m investment in electric vehicle production that will create 10,000 jobs.

Councillor Charmley said Shropshire needed to benefit from that level of investment which will bring both direct jobs and employment for support industries. He said council officers would ask JLR for talks.

He added: "We will invest what is needed. The LEP money was never a guarantee, and that's why we had a plan B in place, so now we are looking to take out a loan in order for the infrastructure to move in. There are several companies that are hovering around and looking for a base, and we need to have places ready for that sort of investment." As £10 million was being sought from government funding, the Deputy Leader said he believed that sum would be the amount the council would look to borrow within the next 12 months. The near 60-acre site, off the A483 Mild End Roundabout, is currently agricultural land.

MOTHERS' FEARS OVER UNIT PLANS

Report by Sue Austin

MOTHERS have spoken out over fears Oswestry's maternity unit could be downgraded to a birthing unit.

The proposed change would mean mothers would be unable to have overnight stays for rest and recuperation and those in labour out-of-hours would telephone an on-call midwife to open the ward up.

Sarah Jamieson, head of midwifery at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said: "This means that we would retain the full range of services offered by midwife-led units but we would not remain open overnight; instead operating through an on-call system. Mums-to-be in labour would meet their midwife at the unit and would then be supported through delivery and with their immediate postnatal care before being discharged home. This is similar to the model used very successfully in Powys."

Gill George

But Gill George of Shropshire Defend Our NHS said a recent health meeting could give no assurance over the future of maternity services. She said: "On maternity, we clearly still have a fight ahead of us." Beth Pink from Oswestry had her son Ted in the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford and transferred to the local unit housed at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital the next day.

She said: "I actually discharged myself the following day but, after a dreadful night at home rang the midwives who said 'we have kept your bed for you, come back in'. They were incredible. It would be so sad if we lost that facility."

Kaylee Lawrence said: "I went in after delivery with my eldest and was lucky enough to give birth to my daughter last year. The unit was fabulous, before, during and after her birth. I am hoping to have my third child there in February and am worried to think it might change."

Charlene Roberts said staying in hospital for a couple of days after birth was vital. She said: "They make sure you eat and they take the babies into the nursery so that you can sleep."

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Theatre company ready to stage pantomime

Sarah Fantham and Dani Box get in some last minute rehearsals for this year's Oswestry Musical Theatre Company's pantomime. Photo: Steve Leath.

CINDERS and Buttons are ready to have a ball in Oswestry.

The main characters from Oswestry Musical Theatre Company were putting in some extra rehearsal time before their weekend pantomime. Last year the company won a regional award for best pantomime and theatre bosses say they are hoping this year will see more awards. The production of Cinderella will be staged at the Marches School in Oswestry. The first performance will take place tomorrow (Friday) at 7.30pm. Further performances will take place on Saturday at 2.30pm and 7.30pm and on Sunday at 2.30pm.

Dani Box, who plays Cinderella in the pantomime, said: "It is a traditional pantomime and we want to give families a really good theatre experience that won't break the bank.

"We will be selling glow wands and swords at value for money prices and there will also be ice creams and sweets on sale.

"We appreciate that Christmas can be expensive, especially for families and we hope that our prices will be appreciated."

Tickets are available from Christians the Jewellers in Oswestry and from www.ticketsource/omtc.co.uk/

RETAIL

Award of wooden spoon causes a stir for businessman

THE owner of a closed food hall has criticised a council for awarding his empty shop frontage a "wooden spoon" award.

John Langford claims Langfords Food Hall in Berriew Street, Welshpool, which he built himself and still owns, would not be empty today if Welshpool Town Council had helped him to alleviate parking problems.

The property was named the "worst shop window in town" by the Mayor Steve Kaye, following a series of dumpings in Berriew Street, which led to the council being forced to take action to clear the area.

Mr Langford, owner of Langfords, the Welsh Sausage Company, said: "We make seven million sausages a week from our main site in the town near Tesco, for customers including Wetherspoon, Cafe Rouge and the British Army." He said the Berriew Street premises suffered because of parking problems and revealed an ambition to use the site for pop-up shops instead.

Mr Kaye said: "If Mr Langford wants to start a new venture at his shop we hope he goes for it and sorts out the frontage which has been left like that for about five years."

Welshpool Town Council's best window awards competition was won by Reflections in the High Street with Nailed It in Severn Street a close second and Serendipity in Berriew Street third.

CHRISTMAS

Events help spread the festive spirit

THOUSANDS of people showed their festive spirit at the weekend in Oswestry and Welshpool by packing out the streets to enjoy Christmas events.

Oswestry Christmas Music Live was held on Friday and was once again deemed a huge success. And organisers of the town's annual Christmas parade said they were delighted with the turn-out on Saturday. Welshpool was also well in the Christmas spirit at the weekend with the town's festive lights being turned on during Friday evening and the town hosting its popular winter festival on Saturday.

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Black van fears allayed as police rule out foul play

Report by Naomi Penrose

POLICE say an investigation into reports of a "suspicious" black van being sighted in Chirk near Oswestry have shown there are "no suspicious circumstances" relating to it.

North Wales Police have confirmed that after being alerted to a man "behaving suspiciously" in the Lloyds Lane area of Chirk last month, their investigation has found that the vehicle was on "legitimate business".

At the time a schoolgirl reported being followed by a man who got out of a black van.

Police said no contact was made and the girl ran away.

Michael McGivern, a spokesman for the force, said: "An investigation by North Wales Police into reports of a suspicious vehicle being sighted in the Chirk area in recent weeks has shown that it was on legitimate business and that there are no suspicious circumstances relating to it."

The reports in Chirk came after West Mercia Police revealed that they were investigating the attempted abduction of two schoolchildren in Oswestry and Weston Rhyn in October.

These are just a number of incidents which have taken place in the region over the past months.

The most recent incident happened at 2pm on Wednesday last week when a man told a woman in her 20s to "get into his car".

The incident occurred in Harlech Road, Oswestry.

The car is described as a dark green V registration Vauxhall Corsa.

The driver, who was on his own in the vehicle, is described as being white, between 50 and 60 years old, with grey hair and moustache and wearing a white jumper, dark coat and a flat dark coloured cap.

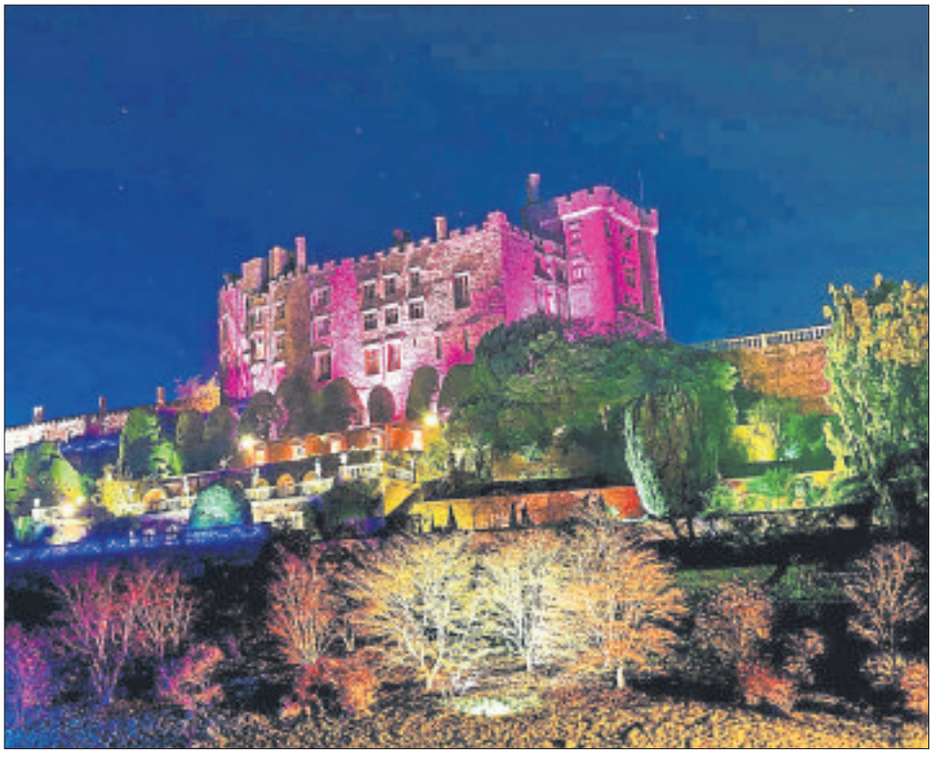
Inspector Sean Brennan of West Mercia Police said: "We believe the encounter to have been a verbal one and at this time we don't believe there was any physical force used.

"We have launched an investigation and are trying to trace the vehicle and the driver as as soon as possible.

"If anyone has information I would urge them to contact us."

People should call 101 with information.

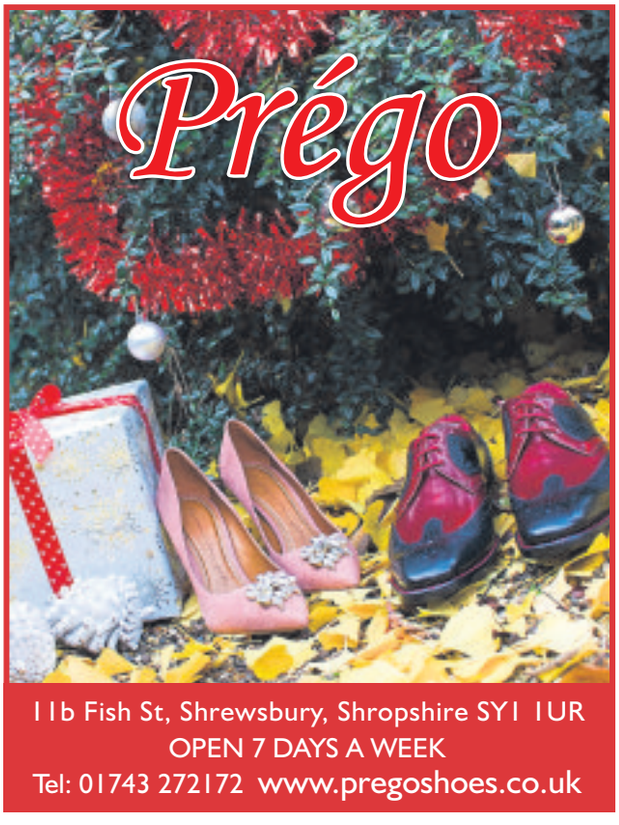
Now that's what you call Christmas lights!



Powis Castle is lit up for Christmas, as this picture by Oswestry and Border Chronicle photographer Jamie Ricketts shows

CHRISTMAS lights are currently being switched on across the region – but they will have to go some to beat this spectacular display.

Powis Castle in Welshpool has been lit up as part of its illuminated after dark garden walks. The medieval castle is brought to life at winter with a series of open evenings where the castle is illuminated in bright hues ahead of the festive season. Visitors can wander along the terraces and though the gardens where illuminated statues light the way. The events also give people the chance to take in the state rooms at the National Trust property.



Cleaner in '£34k theft' from house

A CLEANER stole jewellery with an estimated value of more than £34,000 from the home of her disabled employer, a court heard.

Caroline Carkeet-James, 46, pleaded guilty to the theft of the items that included a white gold and diamond engagement ring which was believed to be worth £27,000 from the property in a village near Oswestry.

The ring was among several items found to be missing from the premises when the owners returned from holiday after leaving the defendant to feed the cat while they were away, Telford Magistrates Court heard.

Abigail Hall, prosecuting, said: "The victim is disabled and has mobility issues which is the reason this defendant was hired to assist with chores."

The court heard the defendant told police she recalled taking an emerald and diamond ring and a signet ring with no stones and sold it for £130.

Carkeet-James, of Summerfield Close, Oswestry, admitted an offence of theft between September 20 and 26.

District Judge Nigel Cadbury adjourned the case for further inquiries to be made about the value of the items, but he told the defendant the matter was likely to be sentenced at the crown court.

She was granted conditional bail until next month.

School choir is set to perform

THE Christmas spirit will be in full swing on Thursday next week at the Marches School Carol Service in Oswestry.

Taking place at St Oswald's Church at 6pm, the service will be led by Reverend Simon Thorburn.

The evening will provide the opportunity for friends and family to enjoy performances from the Marches School choir, staff choir, various soloists as well as short excerpts written and performed by the drama department.

Finally, there is the opportunity for all present to join together in singing traditional carols.

In addition, the school will be collaborating with the primary school choirs from Trefonen, The Meadows and Whittington CE Primary School.

Everyone is welcome to attend this community event.

Campaigners warn A&E battle is not yet won

Report by Sue Austin

CAMPAIGNERS have urged people in Oswestry and Mid Wales to keep the pressure on health chiefs to ensure A&E services are retained in Shrewsbury.

Bosses leading the Future Fit programme, which is looking at the future of health services in Shropshire, last week recommended that A&E services should stay at Shrewsbury amid fears it could be lost to Telford.

Bosses stressed that their recommendation was not a final decision and said public consultation would be held.

Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner this week urged the public to get involved in that consultation. Councillor Milner said: "It is important to get involved in the consultation and have your voice heard."

The mayor has led a campaign and has collected almost 5,000 signatures on a petition calling for the major A&E unit to be in Shrewsbury and has asked more people to sign up. He said: "Shrewsbury is the best geographic base for the services, serving the largest population.

"We now have almost 5,000 signatures on the petition, available online and at the Guildhall in Oswestry, with more coming in all the time."

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies said it was the right decision for patients across Shropshire and Mid Wales to have the A&E at Shrewsbury.

He said: "Following the period of consultation, we MPs must come together and campaign to NHS England and the Government for the £300m that will be needed to implement these plans. It is a huge amount of money to find but we couldn't even raise the issue of funding with them until now. We have a recommendation and we must act on it, work together and implement a plan." North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson said: "I'm glad that there has been a decision for everything to centre on Shrewsbury, while the PRH will still have about 80 per cent of the A&E department services they already provide.

"It has been clear all along that this decision should have been taken on clinical needs and I have always been all for listening to the professionals on this. We now need to fully get behind the new planned £300m state-of-the-art trauma centre."

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Stroke victim grateful for local care

Joe Punnet with wife Jeanne at home at Treflach near Oswestry. Photo: John Sambrooks.

A STROKE victim has backed the move to have a single A&E department in Shrewsbury – claiming he may not be alive if it were not there.

Joe Punnet, a member of Oswestry and District Stroke Club, believes he would have died in the ambulance if he had been forced to travel the extra distance to the Princess Royal in Telford, instead of being treated at the RSH which is much closer to his home at Treflach near Oswestry.

Former computer programmer Mr Punnett, 75, said: "When I had a stroke in 2010, I was in a bad way, I was completely out of it – unconscious. I had fallen asleep in front of the TV and collapsed.

"When I got up at 4am, I just about crawled upstairs but I don't remember the rest.

"When I came around, I couldn't read or write and didn't know what the time was.

"It was hugely frightening and frustrating.

"But I really don't think I would be here if Shrewsbury hadn't had its A&E department back then.

"I was one of the lucky ones; I made a full recovery thanks to the stroke club which helped me to get my life back.

"I've made many close friends there and I enjoy our days out."

Joe's wife, Jeanne Punnett who is the club's publicist said: "When somebody has a stroke, they can think they are the only person in the world with it.

"A stroke comes without warning. Joe had been filling pot-holes the day prior to his and apart from saying he felt old and tired there was nothing unusual.

"When Joe had his stroke I tried all my first aid on him but I knew it wasn't enough so I covered him with a blanket and called the paramedics. Speed is so important."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Underage sex charges denied

A WOMAN from Mid Wales has denied having underage sex with a teenage boy.

Defendant Janie Emery, 24, of Pentrefelin Terrace, Welshpool, appeared in the dock at Mold Crown Court on Friday.

She pleaded not guilty in court to three charges of sexual activity with a child.

The allegations were said to have happened between January and April of this year, the court was told

Judge Rhys Rowlands fixed a trial date in May of next year.

Emery was bailed in the meantime.

The defendant was bailed on condition that she has no contact with the complainant.

Emery is also banned from having unsupervised access with any child under the age of 16.

History of carols to be explored

THE history of carols through the ages will be explored at a village hall.

Trefonen Village Hall, near Oswestry, is hosting a 'Carols Through the Ages' evening on Saturday at 7pm with the Shropshire folk group, Devil's Chair. One of the organisers, Ann Hindley, said: "The audience will be able to come along, listen, sing and enjoy the history of carols from the 14th century onwards."

Proceeds from the evening will go to the Trefonen Heritage Group Community Project. The group has embarked on a major project to establish Conservation Area Status for the village.

Tickets costing £6.50 are available by calling (01691) 661656 or from the village shop.

Crews called out to help motorist

FIRE crews were called out after a car crashed into a house in Oswestry on Monday morning.

The driver was trapped in the car and had to be released by the firefighters.

There was no damage to the house.

The crash happened just before 8am in Chaucer Road in the east of the town.

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Alan McNeill

Drug dealer handed a jail sentence

A DRUG dealer caught by police hiding wraps of cocaine and heroin inside Kinder Eggs has been handed a jail sentence.

Alan McNeill, who was the passenger in a Vauxhall Corsa found to contain scores of wraps of Class A drugs by officers, must serve 40 months in jail in addition to a sentence he is already serving for robbery and theft.

He had previously admitted two charges of possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply in relation to the discovery on the outskirts of Oswestry on January 30 last year.

When officers searched the car they found 79 wraps of cocaine, nine wraps of heroin and one wrap of mixed white and brown powder.

The drugs were concealed inside Kinder Eggs, Shrewsbury Crown Court was told.The court heard that each of the wraps would have had a street value of £10, with a total value of £890.

McNeill, 28, of Dundonald Street, Birkenhead, had his mobile phone seized, where police found messages relating to the supply of drugs.

In March, McNeill had been jailed at Mold Crown Court for robbery and theft at Greatorex Store at Llanrhaeadr ym Mochant, near Oswestry, last April, where he threatened the assistant with an imitation gun. He was jailed for four years and three months at that court. James Spotswood, of New Ferry, the Wirral, the driver of the car, was found to be carrying £235. Sentencing on Spotswood for drugs and knife possession charges will take place next year.

More events planned to help bring boost to town

Report by Naomi Penrose

WELSHPOOL could be set for an economic boost thanks to plans to hold a number of new festivals in the town.

Members of Welshpool Town Council have approved their programme of events for 2017 which features all of the usual, popular events with the addition of a new Welshpool In Bloom event during August, and a return of the town's Festival of Sport.

At the latest meeting of the council's events and tourism committee, members recommended relaunching the festival and will now approach local sports bodies to ask them to get involved in the event, which is due to take place during July or August. Councillor Graham Breeze, chairman of the committee, said: "It's all about attracting people to Welshpool, getting them to spend their money here, and really getting Welshpool recognised as the place to go.

"These new additions will certainly prove a boost for the town.

"The canal festival last year had been the latest but now we're looking ahead for Welshpool In Bloom which we hope the town's many keen gardeners come out in force to get involved in, and then there's the Festival of Sport, which Welshpool Town Council used to run.

"When the festival used to take place, it was a really well supported event but it hasn't run for many years now, so we're hoping local clubs get on board because it used to offer a great chance for newcomers to a sport the chance to try out something hat they'd perhaps not be able to try otherwise."

The programme for 2017 also includes the annual carnival on May 29, a Canal and Food event on July 15 and a Keep Welshpool Tidy Week in March.

The highly popular Bob Jones Memorial Air Show and Festival of Transport will also return again on June 11.

Sealed Knot could return

THE Sealed Knot re-enactment society is set to return to Oswestry following a previous weekend camp spent there.

Oswestry Town Council, which gave the go-ahead for the event, said it had received positive feedback from local people and visitors following September's visit.

Councillors are now expected to invite the organisation to return next year.

Re-enactors from across the country descended on Oswestry for the event, which included a march through the town centre streets and battle skirmishes and a day camp set up in Cae Glas Park.

A larger camp was based at Brogyntyn Park.

Councillor Cynthia Hawksley said that people had thoroughly enjoyed the spectacle of the Sealed Knot in Oswestry.

Oswestry Town Council has been actively promoting the launch of festivals in the area to boost the town's economy.

Double award joy for college

Sarah Probert and Erin Bainbridge at the awards presentation

OSWESTRY'S North Shropshire College had huge reason to celebrate at the 2016 Dyslexia Awards.

Business lecturer Sarah Probert won the best teacher award and student Erin Bainbridge won the further education shining star award.

The award winners were nominated by people from their community, students and peers and came against fierce competition.

Mrs Probert said: "There should be no barriers in education. Everybody should be offered the opportunity to learn and progress in an educational environment.

"I am grateful and humbled to have won this award and to all those who took the time to nominate me. I am extremely proud of Erin she is an inspirational young woman."

The ceremony took place at the Ironbridge Gorge's Enginuity Museum in Coalbrookdale and was an accumulation of 19 months of planning on behalf on co-ordinator Elizabeth Wilkinson. College bosses thanked all those who nominated Erin and Sarah.

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Thousands oppose revamp of area's recycling services

Report by Sally Williams

MORE than 3,000 people have signed a petition against plans to close a number of recycling centres.

The 3,105 name petition was handed in to Powys County Council. Council plans could see the closure of the recycling centre at Welshpool.

The council says it is looking to save almost £30 million up until 2019 and one of the proposed savings is to reduce the amount of household waste and recycling centres in the county.

Its consultation on the matter ended last week and a decision is expected early in 2017.

Councillor John Powell, cabinet member for recycling, said: "We have been consulting on the future of five household waste and recycling centres, which are currently located in Brecon, Llandegley, Newtown, Welshpool and Ystradgynlais.

"We have been consulting on a number of options including closure of up to two sites, reducing the opening days of the sites, and potential charges for some waste such as soil and rubble, plasterboard and other DIY waste. As part of our long-term plans, we have set aside capital investment for securing council owned waste facilities so we can improve bulking facilities for the kerbside recycling material and our house waste and recycling sites across the county.

"No decisions have been taken over the future of the household waste and recycling centres and the consultation findings will be considered by cabinet in the New Year."

Welshpool campaigner Richard Church said: "The response to our petition has been overwhelming. People just cannot believe that the council could close Potters' recycling centres while at the same time saying they want us to recycle more.

"Our research has shown that if these closures go ahead then Powys will have the worst provision of recycling centres of any rural council in Wales.

"People will have further to travel and the remaining recycling centre will struggle to cope with the demand, leading to an increase in fly-tipping and more waste going to landfill.

"Powys Council's consultation has finished but our campaign continues. We will be encouraging people to write to the council to express their views and to lobby their own councillor to vote against closures."

Angry protesters recently packed into a public meeting called by Welshpool Town Council to oppose Powys County Council's plans. Newtown town councillor David Selby said: "The Newtown centre is a vital resource for the town and surrounding areas to enable proper recycling of household waste. The implications of closure are serious and we urge Powys council to withdraw the proposal immediately."

Change the law on sites, says George

THE law should be changed to ensure that everyone has access to a recycling facility within a reasonable distance from their home, according to Montgomeryshire AM, Russell George.

In the light of potential closures of sites in Welshpool or Newtown, Mr George has questioned the Welsh Government's cabinet secretary for the environment, Lesley Griffiths, on the measures she proposes to take to guarantee that residents in rural Powys will have access to recycling facilities without having to make a potential return journey of more than 80 miles.

After raising the issue with Mrs Griffiths, Mr George said: "Along with many other Montgomeryshire residents, I am very concerned at the prospect of losing yet another recycling centre in North Powys, either at Newtown or Welshpool. As a result of the closure of the Potters Yard Recycling Centre in Machynlleth, some Montgomeryshire residents are already expected to travel up to 30 miles to their nearest recycling centre.

"Should further household recycling centres close, it will mean significant inconvenience to many residents and some may be left with an unacceptable 80-mile round trip to use the recycling services provided by Powys County Council."

The AM believes laws which states that local authorities have a statutory obligation to provide its residents with at least one facility need to be updated.

Festive fun for all in town

Father Christmas with Carnival Queen Sian Williams and Welshpool Mayor Steve Kaye

PASSENGERS on a vintage open-top bus braved the frosty weather to get a birds-eye view of Welshpool's Christmas lights on their tour of the town.

Carnival Queen Sian Williams switched on the lights on Friday at Welshpool Town Hall.

The evening began with a winter wonderland in the Corn Exchange of the Town Hall with visits to Santa in his grotto and a children's craft area.

Mayor of Welshpool, Councillor Steve Kaye said: "It was a great weekend, very positive for traders and the town and I am very pleased with the event as a whole.

"Following the lights switch-on, an open-top vintage bus made trips around the town centre for passengers to enjoy a better view of the lights and we hope to do this again next year."

There was also a procession led by Newtown Youth Band and included real reindeer, local groups and Santa in his Sleigh.

The following day, the town hosted a Winter Festival.

The winter festival saw stalls along the street and inside the Town Hall from 10am to 4pm.

The Town Hall was full with craft and charity stalls and performances on the stage.

Performances came from Adiict Dance, Buttington Musical Theatre group and Community Uke. Music and festivities were enjoyed in Puzzle Square as well as a new music stage in Hall Street.

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PETER RHODES

MORE mis-heard musicians. A reader goes back many years with his tale of a pal being entranced by a brilliant American jazz pianist and rushing down to the music shop to buy his records. Nobody in the shop had heard of Fat Swallow.

ANOTHER Countryfile (BBC1), another taste-testing of country fayre, this time duck and greens. As always, the presenters declared the stuff to be delicious. Once, just once, wouldn't you love to see John Craven spit something out?

SPEED humps in the road save lives, right? Apparently not. Clean-air campaigners claim the slowing-down and speeding-up caused by "sleeping policemen" actually increase harmful emissions, contributing to the 25,000 – 50,000 deaths (the figures seems to change every week) blamed on diesel emissions. So it's out with humps and in with safer air. And how long before the inevitable casualties occur and this new theory is turned on its head when road humps are discovered to be safer, after all?

MEANWHILE, Paris, Athens, Madrid and Mexico City have announced a total ban on diesel lorries from 2025. This is intended to encourage electric, hydrogen and petrol vehicles and thus make the air safe to breathe. But as I noted last week, petrol is far more explosive than diesel. When a car's petrol tank explodes it is dramatic enough. What effect would a lorry's 200-gallon petrol tank have if it exploded in a crowded city?

DAME Louise Casey's report on segregation in Britain has "long grass" written all over it. Such reports tend to flutter around for a day or two and then vanish without trace as we try to convince ourselves that all is well in our happy, matey, multicultural society. Deep down, we know it isn't.

YOU cannot stamp out unacceptable behaviour without first explaining that it is wrong, and then doing something positive to make the point – up to and including prosecution. Getting it right may mean supporting women and children against their own fathers, mothers, extended families and "community leaders".

AS for cultural rights, I am reminded of a dinner some years ago in Texas where the most striking thing about our American hosts was the gentility of their language. Not a single damn or bloody passed their lips. But at the end of the table was a jolly ex-pat working for a company in Houston.

He was cheerfully, and loudly, effing and blinding – and worse – throughout the meal.

"Has no-one spoken to him about his language?" I asked our host. "Oh, no," she replied, shocked. "It's his culture – he's Australian."

Nicola and Adrian Hill from Oswestry

Dicky Dodd hosted the Pride of Shropshire awards at Shrewsbury Town FC

A glittering ceremony was held for the awards

Amazing prize winners are the pride of Shropshire

Many achievements were celebrated at the Pride of Shropshire awards, writes MARK ANDREWS

SHE saw it as an act of love and care but an Oswestry woman's decision to help her husband in an extraordinary way has seen her win a Pride of Shropshire award.

Nicola Hill won the prize in the award's outstanding bravery category after donating a kidney to save the life of her husband Adrian.

The couple now raise money for the British Kidney Patient Association.

Nicola was one of several winners of a Pride of Shropshire award, organised by the Chronicle's sister paper The Shropshire Star.

The Oswestry woman transformed her husband's life by donating one of her kidneys.

Adrian, who was born with one kidney, needed dialysis treatment three times a week for four hours at a time.

But thanks to Nicola donating one of her kidneys, the future looks much brighter indeed.

They have raised nearly £5,000 for the British Kidney Patient Association with a race night and treasure hunt as well as sending out teddy bears for people to guess the names.

Gobowen life-saver Kelli Smith was runner-up in the outstanding bravery section.

Kelli didn't think twice before diving in to save the life of a swimmer who got into difficulty at the pool where she works as a lifeguard.

Brave Kelli carried out her life-saving effort at the pool at the Derwen College in Gobowen. She brought him to the surface and then gave him CPR, saving his life.

The Pride of Shropshire award winners with compere and radio presenter Dicky Dodd

Kelli was nominated for a Pride of Shropshire award by Andrew Harris, deputy chief executive of Derwen College, which caters for people with disabilities.

The student Kelli rescued returned to college after a week's recuperation and continues to attend Kelli's swimming lessons.

The chosen finalists along with the category sponsors were invited to a special awards ceremony at Shrewsbury Town FC to hear the overall winners announced. The Rev Jeff Hancocks, an unpaid minister at Dovaston United Reformed Church, took the community champion title.

He has created clubs for the elderly, teenagers, parents and toddlers.

A charity worker who bravely overcame serious illness to help others with the same condition took top spot at the awards.

Carrie Fulcher, from Priorslee in Telford, was named as the overall winner at the glittering reception.

For the first time since the awards were launched by the Shropshire Star eight years ago, the winners were selected by our readers who voted using tokens printed in the newspaper. Readers were impressed by the way Carrie, who had a needless brain operation after being wrongly diagnosed, overcame her difficulties to form the Hope for Hypothalamic Hamartomas UK charity.

Shropshire Star editor Martin Wright said it had been humbling to hear so many stories of courage and kindness, adding: "The standard of entries this year was exceedingly high, and every one of the 26 finalists would have a justifiable claim to the title."

WORKING FOR YOU

In 2014, the resident artist and sculptor at the British Ironwork Centre in Oswestry, Alfie Bradley, began the Save a Life Surrender Your Knife project. Two years later and the Knife Angel Statue, created as a national monument against violence and aggression, is almost finished. It is a 27ft high sculpture, created with 100,000 knives surrendered and collected in nationwide amnesties in 2015/2016.

Police recorded offences involving the use of knives or sharp instruments increased by nine per cent to 29,306 offences last year. The largest contributor to the total rise was West Midlands Police, accounting for 18 per cent of the increase. We have seen a general downward trend over the longer-term, but these weapons are often used in a number of terrible crimes, including attempted murder, robbery and assault with injury or intent to cause serious harm.

The British Ironwork Centre began the project to raise awareness of the issue of knife crime throughout the UK and supplied knife banks to the 43 police forces across the country, including Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. Now 37 police forces have contributed, including West Mercia. The campaign has gone on to succeed its first pledge in providing sufficient amnesty/surrender bins and banks to accomplish the removal of the 100,000 street knives. The second pledge was to ensure that all 43 police constabularies instigated and donated their weaponry from their areas. The centre have still to persuade some forces to support the national campaign thoroughly with the contribution of their weapons. The chairman of the BIC, Clive Knowles, Alfie Bradley and the 37 police forces should be congratulated for their work. The centre have declared that without ensuring that the monument has genuinely facilitated and inspired forces to initiate amnesties and surrenders, it will not release the monument to the country.

The Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square was built in 1841 and was meant to hold a statue of William IV but, due to insufficient funds, remained empty. The campaign having reached 100,000 knives, has now pledged to continue until they reach a quarter of a million. Their next campaign will involve assisting UK forces in the surrender of firearms and creating a new monument.

The Knife Angel Statue is the only memorial ever created with the Home Office and so many police forces working together. It deserves to be on the Fourth Plinth. The statue was created to raise awareness of knife crime and there can be no better place for it than one of the most prominent spots in our capital city.

Owen Paterson
North Shropshire MP

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CAN I LEAVE MY HALF OF THE MARITAL HOME TO OUR CHILDREN?

Q: My husband and I own our property jointly. However, I am concerned that if I die before him the ownership of our property would pass solely to him and if he remarried his new wife could inherit our property and our children could be left with nothing. Is there any way I can arrange matters so that my children inherit my half of the house?

A: It sounds as if you and your husband own your property as Joint Tenants, which means that if one of you dies the other becomes the sole owner. The alternative arrangement to this is to sever the Joint Tenancy so that you become Tenants in Common. As Tenants in Common you will each own 50% of the property and if you wanted to you could gift your 50% to your children in your Will.

In order to sever the current Tenancy you have to issue a Notice of Severance to your husband. A certified copy of the Notice of Severance should be kept with your property deeds. It can also be registered with the Land Registry.

If you own the property as Tenants in Common, then upon your death your half of the property will pass in accordance with your wishes as stated in your Will. If you die without a Will the rules of intestacy would apply. It is therefore imperative for you to make a Will if you wish your children to benefit from your half of the property. In the Will you can gift your share of the property to them and give your husband a right of occupation until his death. It would be advisable to seek legal advice before taking this route to make sure it is suitable for your circumstances.

All family legal aid is, however, still subject to an assessment of the applicant's income and capital means. You should consult a family lawyer as soon as possible.

This question has been answered by Victoria Wilson, a Partner with GHP Legal. For an appointment visit www.ghplegal.com or contact one of our offices: Oswestry 01691 659194, Chirk 01691 777949, Wrexham 01978 291456, Llangollen 01978 860313. For Personal Injury, Employment and Family matters we offer FREE legal diagnostic clinics every Wednesday at our Oswestry office and every Monday at our Wrexham office, 12-3pm (no appointment necessary). GHP Legal is authorised and regulated by the SRA 51566, and Lexcel Accredited.

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Sceptical about windfarms' viability

REGARDING proposals for several windfarms in Powys I am very sceptical about their viability, having worked in the construction industry for over 40 years on a combination of projects from hospitals to nuclear air raid shelters.

I am not a pontificating professor, more a pragmatic participant. I do know a few facts about wind turbines though. Take the Vesta V90, it has a 262 ft tower, the blades included they hit 410 ft. If it's on a high hill this can be 2,000 ft above sea level. With wind coming in at 50 mph it needs a lot, a very lot of underground foundation to hold it up, 3,000 tons of concrete in soft soil.

The earth acts like a sponge when it rains, which happens quite a lot in Powys, normally the earth then dissipates the water slowly to streams and rivers. A hill with several turbines means the water can't soak in because of the concrete so it will dissipate in other areas at a higher rate. Once that concrete is installed it will never be removed.

If you have a house near a stream or river that has high levels during intense rain and they are planning a windfarm upstream, sell up and move. I lived in Ramsbottom in Lancashire. The river used to reach high levels as it rained more than Powys!

After the construction of 28 wind turbines on Whittle Pike it got a lot worse. The Waterside pub and bridge collapsed into the river Irwell last year. Lucky for me I listened to the pragmatist before it happened and moved to Knighton on the side of a hill.

There is a lot more to put you off wind turbines, wind speed deviants, country lanes damaged and widened with more concrete for the massive trucks to carry 70 tons, major area disruption, all for investors who have made billions.There are far more sensible alternatives.

PHILIP HOGER
Knighton

Sender of image is looking for assistance

Thank you to Nigel Walters of Oswestry for emailing this in. He said: "I wonder if any of your readers know where this photo was taken?" He gives the date as the 1960s. If you're having trouble solving Nigel's riddle, the signs on the buildings will give you a steer - they read: "F.H. Burgess (Oswestry) Ltd" and, far right, "C. Bristow & Son agricultural engineers."

Independent online stores play vital part in economy

AFTER reading your "Traders Issue Festive Message" front page article, I feel compelled to write. I pretty much agree with what was said. However, there is one very important retailer you did not include – the independent online retailer. I run an online store called Another Gorgeous Day from my home in Gobowen and have done so for eight years. Independent online stores are an extremely important part of the local economy yet they were not mentioned. In fact the article told people not to shop with them saying "to avoid shopping online". I sell all over the country and quite often abroad. I therefore bring money from other parts of the UK into the local Oswestry economy. The majority of my products and services I source locally plus I do a large percentage of my personal shopping locally. I am therefore very important to Oswestry as are all the other local businesses who sell online, whether it be through their own website or via a marketplace such as Etsy. Examples include Tilly and Flo in St Martins, Brook House in Llanyblodwel and Gemmi Pops who trades via Etsy.

I am in the process of launching a new online business called Love Our Shops UK which will promote independent online shops. Love Our Shops UK will be fully launched in January and will help and support these amazing small shops online. They are a very important part of the UK economy and should not be grouped with the large online retailers and certainly should not be shunned. We do not impact the local high streets, in fact we build local economies which in turn helps the high streets. We are quite often frowned upon because everyone would like to see Oswestry thriving as a town (which I absolutely want to see too) but if people are shopping online wouldn't it be great if they chose small local independent online stores instead of Amazon, John Lewis etc?

BARBARA STEADMAN
Gobowen

Prime Minister will get the Brexit job done for us

I'M tired of hearing that Theresa May doesn't have a clear plan for Brexit.

The scaremongers want to know absolutely everything so they can complain; Nick Clegg will try to prolong Brexit by debating Article 50 to try to reverse the result of the referendum.

I don't think so!

Theresa May is professional and will get the best deal for Britain even though most of the MEPs are unhelpful towards her and will make it as difficult as possible.

It is obvious that we made the right decision the way that the EU bureaucrats are behaving like children, what has happened to democracy?

Is it just the thought of how much money they will be losing when the UK leave?

Or are they afraid of other countries may follow suit?

David Cameron was the person who let the country down by leaving his job before completing his role as Prime Minister just because the people voted to leave the EU.

JACKIE LEWIS
Pattingham

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It's total vote that matters

RECENTLY I have seen two MPs on television say that we should remain in the European Community despite the referendum. One said that his constituents voted to Remain, which he inferred, was a good reason.

We had a referendum, which applied to the whole country. The United Kingdom not just one bit.It is the total vote that matters not were it came from. We are still one country.

J HOWELL
Lydbury North

It's dangerous to believe all you see in the movies

WHEN watching films or plays of any type on TV it nearly always involves mobile phones, and they are always a very good advert for the use of mobile phones.

They always seem to get a signal no matter where they are, and this could give a false impression to the many youngsters, as they never run out of power or fail to get a signal; be they in the middle of a desert or Dartmoor, or even down a mine or underneath buildings, thus giving a sense of false security to these youngsters, and could be the cause of a fatal outcome in some instances by too much reliance.

Films have a powerful impact on the public now just as they did many years ago.

But back in those times it was smoking that was the most copied of that time, as stars like Humphrey Bogart, Edward G Robinson and Cary Grant did portray.

And look at the amount of people that died from smoking.

I hope that mobile telephones never cause such sufferings.

MR K BEDDIS
Yockleton

Doubts over street plans

IT is unclear why some Oswestry councillors believe that re-opening Cross Street to traffic is a good idea.

What evidence is there to suggest a connection between driving through Cross Street and a resulting trade boost in that area?

On the contrary, losing pedestrianisation could in fact make matters worse not better.

Surely the answer to boosting trade in Cross Street lies elsewhere.

For a start, why are there so many closed/derelict shops in that area of the town?

Isn't the reason for this connected with high rent charges and not enough financial support given by council/government to encourage businesses, particularly local independent traders?

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An x-ray image shows the pellet lodged in the cat's rear leg

Images have been released of the injuries the cat suffered in the air gun attack

Cat hurt in shooting

A PET cat had to undergo surgery after being shot at with an air gun in a village near Oswestry.

Police are investigating the attack and have asked anyone with information about the incident in Weston Rhyn to come forward.

Images have also been released of the air gun pellet lodged in one of the cat's rear legs.

Police officers from Oswestry said the cat, called Tigger, was shot sometime between 1.30pm and 2.30pm on Friday last week.

The attack happened in the Meads area of Weston Rhyn.

According to the owner, the cat always stays local when she is home.

Police say it is thought that the offender either lives within the Meads or was associating with people there or visiting an address there.

Tigger had to undergo surgery to remove the pellet from a rear leg.

Officers say the attack has caused unnecessary suffering to the cat and the owner.

The pellet has been retained for forensic evaluation, police officers have said.

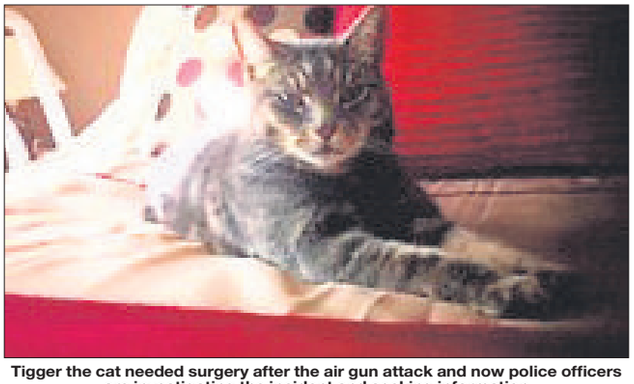
Anyone with information about the air gun attack on the cat should call police on the non emergency 101 number quoting the incident number 0643S 021216.

PDSA vets recently said they are seeing more and more pets injured by weapons, including air guns, every year.

The charity urged pet owners to be watchful and always report incidents to the police, press and vets to publicise the problem and save feline lives.

In 2012, the RSPCA received a total of 799 calls regarding air gun incidents.

As cats are relatively small, even compared to a small dog, they have less tissue to soak up the energy produced by the pellet, making internal damage much greater. One of the greatest dangers a gun shot victim can experience is the risk of infection. In an animal this is caused by contaminated fur being pulled into the wound by the pellet entering the body.



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Carys Owen, aged 12, from Welshpool was ready to take to the stage at the auditions

Macie Lockwood, aged 12 from Crew Green, tried out at the auditions

Town talent on show

SOME of a town's most talented people hit the high notes and strutted their stuff in a bid to be the next big thing and appear in front of a Britain's Got Talent judging panel.

Talent scouts from the hit ITV show stopped off Welshpool as part of their quest to unearth undiscovered stars for the 2017 series.

The auditions took place at Welshpool Town Hall, with dozens lining up in the hopes they would impress.

Twelve-year-old Ella Wright, from Guilsfield, was one of the brave acts who put themselves forward and performed in front of the show's scouts.

Her mother Rachel Jones said Ella did a "great job".

She said: "I'm really proud of her.

"She sang really well and seemed happy with her performance afterwards, which is great, especially considering as she sang without music.

"I think it's great that young people are confident enough to put themselves out there.

"I know I couldn't."

Ella sang the ballad 'Fade' by Alan Walker.

Hopefuls now have to wait until the new year to find out whether they've made the cut.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of Britain's Got Talent with soldier and magician Richard Jones being crowned the winner. The magician captivated the nation with his mind-reading performances and his moving finale performance and tribute to Second World War prisoner of war and magician Fergus Anckorn, from Westerham.

Britain's Got Talent has remained a huge TV hit over the years despite tweaks and changes to the format.

Among the changes have been alterations to the judging panel.

The original judging panel consisted of the show's creator Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden and Piers Morgan. Other judges have included David Hasselhoff, Michael McIntyre, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams.

Ella Wright, aged 12 from Guilsfield, took part in the Britain's Got Talent auditions at Welshpool Town Hall. Photos: John Sambrooks.

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Ramblers' walk to follow canal

THE Welshpool Ramblers walk on Sunday will be led by Geoff Reed and will be moderate circular walk of about eight miles.

The walk will start by following the Montgomery Canal from Buttington to Pool Quay.

It will continue along Offa's Dyke Path beside the Severn before looping back and returning over Crowther's Coppice Hill. The only climbs are in the second part and are not strenuous. All are welcome but no dogs. Meet at 9.30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref SJ 225075) or at the start of the walk at the Lime Kilns car park (OS grid ref SJ 242089) by the canal, just west of the Buttington Cross Roundabout, for a start at 9.45am. Further information if needed can be obtained on (01938) 571114.

Prize bingo to back 40s event

A CHRISTMAS prize bingo evening will be held in the Corn Exchange in Welshpool on Tuesday in aid of the annual 1940s weekend.

Doors open at 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm.

Organiers say there are lots of great prizes to be won ready for Christmas.

Mulled wine and mince pies are included in the admission along with free tea and coffee.

Patrons are encouraged to dress festive.

Tickets are now on sale for a vintage evening with music from 1950s through to the 1970s featuring Terry Webster on February 18. are Tickets available from Theatre Hafren Box Office on (01686) 614555 or Welshpool Jewellers.

AM calls for action to help business owners

Report by Naomi Penrose

THE Welsh Government should use the economic levers at its disposal to take small businesses out of business rates altogether, according to Montgomeryshire AM, Russell George.

Business rates have been devolved to Wales since 2015.

Mr George led a debate in the National Assembly for Wales which recognised the massive contribution which SMEs and the retail industry make to the Welsh economy and called on the Welsh Government to make fundamental reforms to the outdated system of business rates.

Mr George showed a video clip of small business owners from across Wales telling how their businesses have been adversely affected by the burden of business rates.

Following the debate, Mr George said: "I have been contacted by small business owners from Newtown, Welshpool and across Montgomeryshire who are pleading with the Welsh Government to listen to them in calling for fundamental reform of this outdated business rates system.

"Many Mid Wales businesses will now be questioning why a key election pledge by the Labour Party to deliver a tax cut for all small businesses has not been delivered. Instead, small businesses across Wales are now set to be hit by large increases in their rates, with no rises in rate relief bands to cushion the blow. This is in direct contrast to the situation in England whereby the UK Government have announced plans to increase rate relief for small firms, to ensure that no company with a rateable value of less than £12,000 would pay rates at all."

Force announces new appointment

Darren Davies, the new Deputy Chief Constable at Dyfed-Powys Police

DYFED-POWYS Police has confirmed the appointment of Darren Davies as its new Deputy Chief Constable.

Mr Davies's most recent post was as Assistant Chief Constable seconded to the Metropolitan Police as director of change for the counter terrorism network, also having a close involvement in collaboration on a national level across law enforcement.

Having been born and brought up in the force area, he now returns to his less urban roots, having began his policing career when he joined Dyfed-Powys Police in 1988.

He worked in Llanelli, Powys, Carmarthen, Ammanford and the force headquarters, before becoming the head of the Wales Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit in 2005.

In 2007 he spent two years in London working on terrorism and ports issues on a national level. Then in 2009 he returned to Wales working on regional collaborative units, and in 2014 became the lead of both serious organised crime and terrorism matters for Wales.

Bosses say he brings a wealth of experience in delivering innovative and complex change and business improvement.

Voters will be heading to the polls

VOTERS living in the Llanerchydol ward in Welshpool will be heading to the polling station to vote in a new county councillor.

There are three candidates standing in the Llanerchydol ward with the county council election taking place on Thursday next week.

The three candidates are Graham Breeze, Independent, Ruth Canning, Welsh Conservative Party and Richard Church, Welsh Liberal Democrats.

On the same day, voters will also vote in the town council election for the vacant Castle ward seat where there are four candidates standing.

They are Julie Ellis, Nicola Morris, Welsh Labour, Carol Robinson and Folkert Veenstra, Welsh Liberal Democrats.

The polling station will be at Welshpool Town Hall.

The polling station will be open from 7am to 10pm.

Applications to vote by proxy on the grounds of physical incapacity or if your occupation, service or employment means you cannot go to a polling station must be made by 5pm on Polling Day.

Tickets on sale for seniors party

TICKETS for the Annual Senior Citizens Party have now gone on sale and available from Welshpool Jewellers or Flaunt It.

The party will take place on January 31 and will be the eighth annual event open to anyone aged 60 or over from Welshpool and the surrounding villages. Tickets are priced at £6 and include a full afternoon of entertainment plus afternoon tea.

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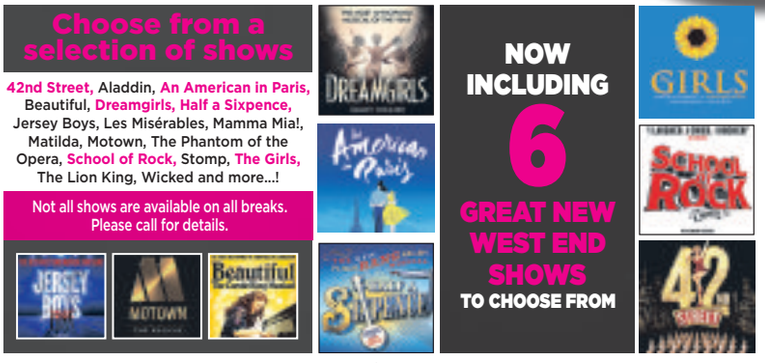

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Harry Johnston, from Wykey near Oswestry, and Rebecca Seery from Dublin are married after first meeting at a rugby match in Australia

Rebecca and Harry seal it with a kiss on their big day

Coach's big surprise

INTERNATIONAL rugby coach Warren Gatland gave two fans the shock of their lives when he delivered a 'team talk' like no other – on their wedding day.

Harry Johnston, from Wykey near Oswestry, and Rebecca Seery, from Dublin, met in Australia in 2013 as Gatland masterminded a spectacular series victory for the British and Irish Lions in Sydney.

Fast forward three years and Gatland was again on hand to provide some words of wisdom on their special day as the couple embarked on married life together. "How brilliant is it for an Irish woman and an Englishman to meet on a Lions Tour and end up getting married?" said the coach in a pre-recorded video message.

"For me it was an incredibly special day and obviously it was for them too.

"I just want to wish Harry and Rebecca all the best for a happy and long life together."

Gatland's message was played during the best man's speech at Harry and Rebecca's wedding reception – to the complete surprise of the couple.

The wedding took place at the groom's home in Wykey, a hamlet near Ruyton-XI-Towns.

"My initial reaction was pure shock," said Rebecca.

"And then I got a bit teary as the Lions game played such a significant part in our relationship."

"I won't be allowed to forget it by Rebecca, but I didn't shed a tear at the church, or during any of the speeches," said Harry, grandson of Test Match Special commentator and broadcasting legend Brian Johnston.

"But when I saw the video message, I started getting emotional thinking back to how I sat next to Rebecca as a complete stranger that day – and there she was sitting to my right again, but this time as my wife!"

Rebecca added: "He managed to stifle some happy tears when I walked down the aisle but once he saw Warren he was gone!"

Rugby coach Warren Gatland surprised the happy couple by recording a message which was played at their wedding

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Norwegian tale to be told at hall

A CLASSIC Norwegian fairytale will be told at a village hall near Oswestry.

The Giant Who Had No Heart In His Body will be staged by the Likely Story Theatre group at Llanfechain Memorial Hall tomorrow (Friday). The show starts at 7pm.

Tickets at £6 for adults and £4 for children are available from June Row on (01691) 828077 or Llanfechain Community Shop. The show is supported by the Arts Council of Wales Nightout Scheme and Powys County Council.

Meanwhile, the hall in the village will be hosting a Christmas Fair on Saturday from 10am to noon. There will be cakes and produce, local crafts, cards, wreaths and gifts for sale.

The event will support local organisations and raise money for the Severn Hospice at the same time.

Entrance is £1 to include refreshments and this, with the raffle, will be in aid of the hospice.

For more information contact (01691) 828077.

Defence support work commended

SHROPSHIRE organisations are among 15 from across the West Midlands that have been recognised for their support to defence.

Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, Shrewsbury College of Arts and Technology and Telford and Wrekin Council were among those companies awarded the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Silver Award in acknowledgement of their commitment to armed forces personnel and their families.

Mark Brandreth, Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital's chief executive, was nominated for the award by Lt Colonel Maggie Durrant, a service and treatment facilitator at the hospital.

Emma champions the best care for patients

Report by Naomi Penrose

A WOMAN from Morda near Oswestry has been appointed a hospital's dementia champion.

Emma Aplin has been made Wrexham's Spire Yale private hospital's dementia and will lead a team set up to ensure anyone with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia has their problem recognised.

Emma is an operating department practitioner in the hospital's operating theatres which carry out more than 2,200 operations a year.

Her job is to support patients and the surgical team from the pre-operative phase through to recovery but now she has also taken on an extra role in leading the support they give to patients with dementia. The mother-of-two said: "We have a real commitment to all our patients here and that has led us to put a dementia pathway in place so that not only can we help people suffering with dementia but we can also pick up undiagnosed cases. We wanted to put something in place to make sure we could tell if someone has dementia and we offer this to anyone over the age of 80 if they want it.

"It's definitely something that's on the increase.

"Last year we had two cases of people with dementia and already this year we have had six or seven and it's important to be able to recognise it."

She has done the Level Two course in dementia care and the hospital keeps its team up to speed with lectures and training and offers patients, particularly those with more advanced dementia, a wristband to wear so staff are aware of their needs.

Emma Aplin from Morda near Oswestry is the dementia lead at Spire Yale Hospital at Wrexham

Warning on psychoactive substances

EMERGENCY services are struggling to cope with people falling ill after taking psychoactive substances – formerly legal highs.

West Midlands Ambulance Service, which covers Shropshire, said the substances cause staff challenges because it isn't always clear what exactly people have taken.

A new law was introduced six months ago banning their sale or supply but paramedics have said it has not made any significant difference.

Murray MacGregor, spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance Service, said although the trust did not have exact figures relating to people who had taken psychoactive substances, those who do pose problems for the service.

Mr MacGregor pointed out that unless those who dial for the emergency services state the patient needs treatment relating to taking a specific substance, calls are clubbed under one category.

He said: "We do see people taken ill after taking psychoactive substances, previously known as legal highs, and it can cause us difficulty as we have no idea what substances patients have taken."

Plans already in place for big show

A VINTAGE machinery society is steaming ahead with its plans for its annual show next year.

Clwyd Veteran and Vintage Machinery Society will hold its vintage vehicle, steam rally and craft fair at Oswestry Showground on June 17 and 18.

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Staff praised for admitting to mistakes

HEALTH bosses at Shropshire's two main hospitals have praised staff for admitting mistakes following a number of "never events".

A variety of foreign objects were left inside patients in "never events" – named because they are mistakes that should never happen.

Dr Edwin Borman, medical director at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said it was a "concern" that six "never events" had been reported since September 2015.

He said: "There are certain issues that we have picked up.

"They all happened after relatively minor procedures. These are procedures people have done 1,000 of times before.

"People sometimes get used to them, lose focus and move to the subconscious.

"That is when mistakes happen.

"The clinical teams have recognised the real seriousness of this.

"One surgeon was in tears about what had happened.

"Staff should be commended on the willingness to report the 'never events' and seek to learn so the same mistakes do not happen again. What we need to do is learn from these never events and move forward. It is particularly disappointing that we have had these 'never events' after more than three years of none at all in our trust."

The most recent three "never events" involved guide wire and ribbon gauze being left in patients.

MP backs A&E in county town

SOUTH Shropshire's MP and health minister has welcomed the decision to recommend Shrewsbury as the location for Shropshire's main A&E unit.

Philip Dunne, MP for Ludlow and Minister for Health – second only to Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt – previously said Shrewsbury was his preferred location if the county was only to have one emergency centre.

He said: "I am pleased that the Future Fit programme board has now made its recommendations on its preferred option to sustain emergency care in the county for the future.

"These will now go forward to Shropshire and Telford CCGs for their separate board meetings to decide whether to take forward for public consultation.

"As the local MP for the whole of south Shropshire, I support the choice of Royal Shrewsbury Hospital for the emergency trauma centre, given its central location in the county. I also support retaining an emergency centre at Princess Royal Hospital in Telford to handle the vast majority of attendances, other than the most acute cases.

"I also am keen to see the commitment to improving community care across Shropshire which is an important component to transforming emergency care."

Push to end patient delays

A MAJOR drive to get patients home faster is being launched in Shropshire's two main hospitals this week.

Simon Wright, chief executive of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said non-urgent meetings were being cancelled and teams from across the trust will work towards fewer delays in the system.

Mr Wright said: "It is always easy to say what somebody else can do to make things better and avoid doing anything yourself.

"We have to look at how we do our treatment planning. Next week we are going to do 'red and green week'.

"A red day is when we have a patient in a ward and we cannot see anything that is happening that day that is adding value to that patient to allow them to go home quicker. A green day is when we can see that value."

He added: "I am also going to arrange to have a meeting with the other groups to discuss winter and make sure we have the right support in place because we don't want patients to be in corridors or sleeping in A&E overnight as we are not able to create enough beds. We need to look at that."

Trust approves purchase of two hi-tech MRI scanners to replace old equipment

NEW scanners used to diagnose a range of medical conditions are urgently needed to replace machines that are more than 11 years old, health bosses have said.

Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Hospitals Trust's current MRI scanners are "not able to provide a reliable service" due to multiple breakdowns.

At a board meeting of the trust, officials approved plans to buy two new MRI scanners in order to replace their old machines which do not use the latest technology.

An MRI scanner can be used to examine almost any part of the body and the results of a scan can be used to help diagnose conditions, plan treatments, and assess how effective previous treatment has been.

Report by Amy Downward

SaTH is planning to spend £1.7 million to buy two new scanners and the League of Friends of the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital is running an appeal to buy an additional scanner to help with demand.

Simon Wright said: "Hospitals have a sum of capital every year they can use for medical equipment or upgrading the buildings.

"We have about £8.5m a year we are able to spend.

"We are going to spend about £1.7m of that allocation on the two new MRI scanners and our wonderful League of Friends have agreed to fundraise to purchase a third unit and we are hugely grateful. In support of that next year I will be climbing three volcanoes in support of the appeal.

"I think the MRI scanners we have are the oldest in the country.

"There are essential pieces of equipment which we use every day."

Dr Edwin Borman, medical director at SaTH, said the new scanners would improve patient outcome.

He added: "The new scanners do stuff that was unimaginable five years ago.

"We are currently flogging our MRI scanners as hard as we can and one day they will fail.

"That will mean we will not be able to do a huge amount of things. Appointments will be cancelled and there will be a delay in diagnosis.

"We are deeply supported by the League of Friends who is helping to give an extraordinary gift to the public. We need three because there has been a 35 per increase in demand."

Mr Wright added that the new machines will be much quicker.

He said: "The machines will be quicker at doing the imaging.

"MRI has no radiation so that is very important in terms of patient safety.

"The technology has moved on. There is much better resolution and the quality of the image will help our professionals see what is going on so the patient gets the right treatment"

NHS cash crisis deprives hospitals of £2m funding

Report by Amy Downward

TWO million pounds that was supposed to help Shropshire's hospitals through the winter has failed to be paid – because the region's NHS has run out of money.

Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Telford's Princess Royal Hospital are 29 beds short of the capacity they need to meet extra demand.

But a cash crisis has deprived the hospitals of funding they need to pay for the beds. Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, which runs the hospitals, is now looking for ways to find the extra cash. Its chief executive Simon Wright admitted the crisis after being questioned by Save the NHS campaigner Gill George at a board meeting.

She claimed Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group had not given any money to help the hospitals. The body is currently heading for a £26 million deficit and was placed in special measures because of its finances.

Ms George said: "Shropshire CCG was awarded £1.9 million for winter pressures. But they were only allowed to spend £500,000 and £1.4 million got lost in the system."

Mr Wright said: "We were supposed to get £3 million to help with winter pressures.

"We were given £1 million from Telford's CCG and that is it. The consequence is the situation is worsening."

Pressure on A&E departments has led to an increase in the number of cancelled operations and increased waiting times in recent years.

The hospitals trust has already set aside funding of £1.7 million to cover the winter and has identified ways to create 63 beds.

As part of the system winter plan, it is appealing for other health groups to offer schemes to create the other 29 beds needed.

Mr Wright said the winter pressure money was mostly being used to fund more staff to cope with the demand.

He said: "We have converted some of our day case wards that usually run until 7pm into an emergency ward staffed 24 hours a day. There is quite a large cost to fund the extra nursing and doctors there. We have also extended some areas that were open five days a week to seven days a week.

"We have just appointed two locum A&E consultants and we have appointed additional respiratory physicians as well because 40 per cent of cases in the winter are respiratory cases. One of those people will also be working in the community to try and help patients to stay well at home."

Rallying call for town to save maternity centre

Protesters descend on Ludlow Hospital amid fears that NHS bosses plan to downgrade maternity services

MORE than 1,100 people marched through Ludlow amid fears the town could lose its maternity unit. Children, parents, grandparents and supporters of the unit gathered on Castle Square in their hundreds before walking through the streets to the town's hospital in Gravel Hill.

Carrying banners and posters, blowing whistles and chanting slogans, the protesters said losing the Ludlow maternity unit would be dreadful for young families.

Fears have been raised because no details have been announced about how rural maternity services such as those at Ludlow, Bridgnorth and Oswestry are to be funded beyond April 2017 when the current funding contract ends. Emma Summers, at the march with four-year-old Ruby, said the A49 to Shrewsbury or onto Telford was a dreadful road, particularly for a woman in labour.

Sarah Engels took part with husband Gersom and five year old Aliyah.

"She was born in Shrewsbury but I came back to Ludlow after the birth.

"My parents-in-law came over from Belgium to see their new granddaughter and staff at Ludlow were able to let them see her late at night, which would not have happened in a larger unit."

Victoria Taylor-Duxbury is expecting her first child and said she was very grateful that she was able to go to a maternity unit in Ludlow. "I have had my pre-natal appointments here – I can't imagine what it would have been like to go to Telford," she said.

She and her husband, Richard, moved to Ludlow from London about six months ago. They marched with Victoria's mother, Heather Milne-Taylor, from Lancashire. "It is an eye-opener being in a rural county and seeing how services operate," she said.

Another mum, Nancy Charest, said she was have been much more nervous if she had had to go to a large unit to have her six-year old daughter, Aimee.

Local set-up needs to change, insists health chief

A MEDICAL director has insisted the Future Fit programme is not about cuts.

Mark Cheetham, care group medical director for scheduled care at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said the way the hospitals work needs to change.

He said: "The two hospital set-ups are not the best option and this needs to be changed to solve recruitment problems."

Mr Cheetham said he recently visited Northumbria to see their new emergency centre.

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust's £75m centre was the first in NHS England purpose built to treat only emergency cases, with consultants on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

But the plan for its opening also included the downgrading of A&E at the trust's North Tyneside General, Wansbeck General and Hexham General hospitals, which now offer a walk-in service for less serious conditions. Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital was hailed as a "vision of the future" when it opened 16 months ago, transforming emergency care across Northumberland and North Tyneside.

He said: "Northumbria have been through what we are currently looking at.

"Last year they created a pioneering emergency-only hospital. It has been very successful and it was very interesting to see.

"They were having issues recruiting A&E consultants but since creating the new centre they have recruited nine consultants and are getting lots of phone calls from more." Mr Cheetham said Northumbria was a similar population size to Shropshire and also covered a rural area.

"There are parallels but what we are planning is better," he said. "It is known if you are seen by an experienced doctor quicker it is more effective with fewer tests which is cheaper.

"In regards to the location of the new emergency centre I do not think there is much in it.

"Most staff are largely on side and do not mind what site the emergency centre is at.

"If we have a planned treatment centre separate from the emergency centre we can develop services and also make it easier to protect beds and cancel fewer operations.

"It will also reduce infections by half."

Keep cosy in cold climate

Commercial feature

We all might be getting excited in the Oswestry and Welshpool area about Christmas coming, but health bosses are also reminding us to take care of ourselves, and each other, during the cold winter months.

The message from NHS England and Public Health England is "Stay Well This Winter".

It campaign aims to encourage people most at risk from cold weather, including those with long-term health conditions and the over 65s, to prepare for the lower temperatures.

About 25,000 more people die over the course of each winter compared to other times of the year and there are a range of conditions worsened by the cold weather. Exposure to cold indoor or outdoor temperatures increases blood pressure, thereby increasing the risk of heart failure, kidney disease, stroke or dementia. Cold temperatures can also make blood more likely to clot, which can lead to heart attacks and stroke. In addition, cold can also affect the respiratory system, which reduces the lung's ability to fight off infection explaining why lower temperatures are linked with bronchitis and pneumonia.

Experts are advising people to heat their homes to at least 18C (65F) and to look out for those at increased risk of illness over the winter months. Cold and damp homes can contribute to poor mental health and social isolation, which are also key factors in increased winter deaths and disease. One study showed that residents of the 25 per cent coldest homes have around a 20 per cent greater risk of dying during the winter months than those in the warmest homes.

Get ready for the colder weather in the Oswestry and Welshpool area this winter

Cold snaps can cause health problems

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Household goods cause of call-outs

HOUSEHOLD goods including washing machines, tumble dryers and toasters were the cause of firefighters being called out to more than 340 blazes in Shropshire over two years.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service were called out 348 times to such fires between April 2014 and March this year, new figures show.

There were 276 call-outs to fires involving cooking appliances over the two years.

Blazes involving washing machines in the county stood at 23, while there were 31 fires involving tumble dryers.

Six fires involved fridge freezers, eight involved dish washers and four call-outs were because of spin dryer fires.

On more than 80 occasions, the fires were caused by faulty equipment, a faulty appliance or a faulty fuel supply.

Other fires were caused by cookers and tumble dryers overheating, equipment not being used properly or while people were cooking.

Unemployment is on the rise again

UNEMPLOYMENT in Shropshire has risen for the fourth consecutive quarter.

The number of people out of work in Shropshire rose to 1,990 in October. While the increase is slight once again, it comes at a time when many temporary jobs are being created by retailers in the run-up to Christmas.

Nationally, unemployment fell by 37,000 to 1.6 million in the three months to September, the figures from the Office for National Statistics show, taking the figure to a 10-year low. But the national figures also show signs of a cooling in the jobs market, as UK-wide claimant count increased by 9,800 in September to 803,300.

New college principal is ready for challenges

Report by Amy Downward

THE new interim principal of Oswestry-based North Shropshire College says he is looking forward to ensuring its students receive an education they deserve.

Peter McCann has replaced Jackie Doodson, who was also chief executive of the college.

Mr McCann was chairman of both the Leeds City Region LEP Skills Network and West Yorkshire Consortium of Colleges.

He has also represented the sector on the board of the Education Training Forum from its inception.

He said: "I am honoured and proud to be joining North Shropshire College and I look forward to working with the staff and our partners at Reaseheath to ensure that we provide the creative and responsive technical training, skills development and progression our students, community and employers deserve." The re-shuffle comes after it was announced the college has formed a federation with Reaseheath College in Cheshire.

The colleges said that by working together they will offer an even wider and better educational experience to students and apprentices. Gillian Richards, chair of governors, said: "Our college has been through an extremely challenging period, and the board, SLT, staff and key stakeholders are committed to continuing on our journey of improvement. We feel Peter will be the catalyst we need to bring about further change and growth ensuring the longevity of NSC and leading us through to the proposed merger with Reaseheath College who we are currently federated with."

Peter McCann has taken over as interim principal at Oswestry-based North Shropshire College

Police chief greets new phone move

THE chief constable of West Mercia Police has welcomed moves to double the number of penalty points that will be handed to motorists using their mobile phones behind the wheel.

Anthony Banham made the comments after almost 120 drivers were caught in the act in first three days of of police crackdown.

He said a month-long operation to catch drivers had seen the force issue fixed penalty tickets to 118 people in the first three days, including eight drivers who were actually parked outside a police station. Under Government proposals drivers caught will have six penalty points put on their licence rather than the current three.

Mr Bangham said: "This is extremely worrying that there seems to be a social acceptance, a blatant disregard for this law. Using mobile phones is as bad as drink-driving.

"You can kill people. In fact people are dying on our roads. We are carrying out an enforcement operation and in the first three days we ticketed 118 people."

West Mercia is participating in a crackdown to warn drivers not to be distracted by mobile telephones and other electronic devices.

Farming is the focus of talks

MORE than 70 people attended a talk by the former leader of the Green Party about food security and farming in Shropshire.

Natalie Bennett attended the event to highlight the issue in light of rapid climate change and Britain's impending withdrawal from the EU

Panellists also included representatives from the National Farmers Union, Harper Adams University and Shrewsbury Food Hub.

PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Detached home on a substantial plot has generous gardens

OSWESTRY £176,500

A charming detached three-bedroomed property on a substantial plot, 74 Llys Road, Oswestry is well presented throughout and has parking for numerous vehicles.

With generous lawned gardens and a wood burning stove in the lounge, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £176,500.

With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge with the wood-burning stove, a dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

In more detail the entrance hall has a glazed door and a tiled floor and radiator.

The lounge has a feature wood burning stove, wood-effect laminate flooring and an archway through to the dining room. This again has wood-effect laminate flooring, a radiator and patio doors opening to the rear.

The kitchen is fitted with a range of wall and base units with work surfaces over, a built-in electric oven and hob with a canopy extractor over, space and plumbing for a washing machine, space for a fridge, an under-stairs storage cupboard, tiled floor and an integral door to garage.

Upstairs, the first floor landing has a cylinder cupboard with slatted shelves and a loft access hatch.

All of the three bedrooms are served by a radiator, with bedroom three also having an over-stair plinth. The family bathroom is fitted with a three piece suite comprising a panelled bath with an electric shower fitting over and a screen, wash hand basin, low-flush WC, tiled floor and a radiator. Outside, to the front of the property, double gates open onto the long driveway providing parking for numerous vehicles and giving access to the attached garage.

The private gardens include a generous lawned area with hedging and fencing for privacy with a paved patio area and shrubbed borders.

The attached single garage has an up and over door, an integral door to the kitchen and an external door to the rear.

KEY FEATURES

- Substantial plot
- Generous gardens
- Attached garage and driveway
- Wood burning stove
- Three bedrooms

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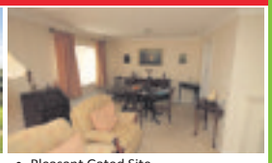

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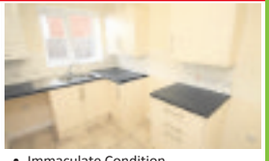

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- Double Glazing

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- Pretty Village Location
- Three Bedroom
- End of Terrace
- Utility Room
- Cloakroom
- Bathroom

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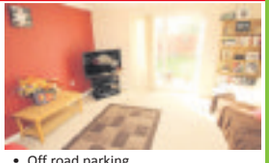

- Modern End of Terrace
- Well Presented
- Three bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Sought after location

£139,500

MORDA

- Three Bedroom Cottage
- Mid Terraced
- Open View to the Rear
- Gas Central Heating

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OSWESTRY

- Modern Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- Cul De Sac Position

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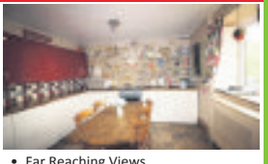

- Semi Detached Home
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- Four Bedrooms
- Far Reaching Views
- Sought After Location
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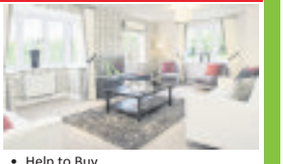

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- The main house accommodation:Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, kitchen
- Rear Hall, Utility & Cloaks, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathrm & Separate Shower Rm
- The annex accommodation: Living Room, Kitchen, 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Both having gas central heating and double glazing
- Ample off road parking and garage together with enclosed gardens

Laburnum Drive Oswestry — £139,995
- Spacious 3 Bed Semi-Detached Hse
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Rm
- Utility Room, Cloakroom
- Three Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
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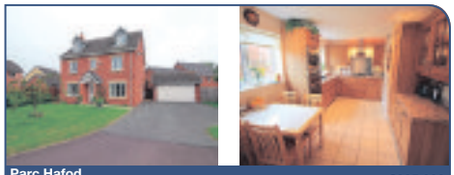

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- Gas central heating and double glazing are installed throughout
- EPC Rating

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- NO CHAIN

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The front garden is gravelled with a path to the front door. The rear garden is well maintained, having lawn, flower and shrub borders and a patio area.

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ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams

BAROTSELAND, as my respectfully yellowed and treasured 19th century Central African map likes to call it, is an area encompassing present-day Zambia and Northern Zimbabwe.

I do not hark back to its colonial title for any imperial sense of nostalgia but because that expanse of bush is a treasure trove of natural and human history.

It contains within it flat savannah, thick scrub, dappled ebony forests, vast lakes and malarial swamps.

The region is also famous for two truly awesome rivers.

Let's journey to the first of these.

Picture the scene...

The sun is still a mere glimmer on the horizon, but it will not be suppressed for long, not in this part of the world. The dawn is cold and you are glad to have slept in your walking trousers and thick sweater. The Cape Turtle dove is calling its melodic yet repetitive notes in a vague hope of hastening the sun's advance.

The baboons who you slept beside beneath the fig trees of the scrubby wait-a-bit thorns have already climbed high up into their branches, pre-empting the first casting of the forthcoming rays. You flex weary limbs and break camp as the first of these begin gleaming in the east. It is not far to your goal but you know it was not wise to flounder through this bush by night; the fresh hyena tracks lie testament to that.

You are sure of your heading, you can hear it.

A few more steps. Suddenly you are there. You look out over a beautiful and vast vista, the golden light shimmering like a billion diamonds, this most precious of substances, here in a parched and baked land.

A hippo snorts in the deep channel and a pair of Egyptian geese (presumably lost) erupt from below your feet. There are green islands and sandbars where crocodiles have followed the baboons' lead and begun their sun bathing.

Our own swallows zip across the surface and on the far bank a herd of buffalo drink.

You step to your right without looking and tread in a neat collection of desiccated, partly digested grass.

I was in heaven...and elephant dung.

I peered downstream and saw water vapour erupting as if shot high into the air by a mighty geyser.

A few moments later and I was showered in crystals of this pummelled river, the mighty Zambezi, as it was hurled over the Victoria Falls, an incredible sight.

I was not alone in my enjoyment of this, one of the true wonders of the world, for I was following a man of whom I had read much and wanted to learn more.

Unfortunately I was 133 years too late.

The explorer and missionary David Livingstone made his most successful journey to this river and gazed upon (and famously named) the Victoria Falls in humbled wonder. But Barotseland holds a more macabre key to the great man too. For Livingstone there was one question he had to answer; where and what was the source of the Nile? After meeting and then leaving Stanley, he continued his search for the Nile's source and based himself in Northern Barotseland. It was here in 1873 that his body, racked with dysentery and hookworm finally gave out. He was in the midsts of the Bangweulu Swamps, one of the world's greatest wetlands. He had puzzled over the possibility of whether this was or was not the source of the Nile but either way he believed the Bangweulu Swamps to be significant. After a torturous journey, his two loyal servants, Chuma and Susi brought his body back to England where it now lies in Westminster Abbey. But it is not whole. The site is difficult to get to and lies far from the main road, but it is possible.

In a little village called Ilala there is a small memorial. Below it is buried the heart of Dr David Livingstone. And the Bangweulu? Indeed Livingstone had not discovered the headwaters of the Nile, instead he died unknowingly at the source of the monumental Congo.

Ben will be exhibiting his artwork in Shrewsbury Town Square this Saturday and the next.

Into the Heat - oil on board - by Ben Waddams

County's mental health spending 'among lowest'

SPENDING in Shropshire on the mental health of children and young people is among the lowest in England.

Research from the Royal College of Psychiatrists has revealed that NHS commissioners in Shropshire are spending £10.96 per head on the mental health of children and young people under 18, excluding eating disorders.

Shropshire is in the bottom 25 for spending on child and adolescent mental health in England.

Sir Simon Wessely, president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, has called on people to question commissioners about child mental health spending.

But officials at Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group insisted they were committed to launching new services in the coming months.

Commissioners in Shropshire have allocated £10.96 per head on mental health services for the children and young people in their area for the whole of the 2016/17 financial year. Including spending on eating disorders, the figure is £16.15.

Shropshire plans to spend just 1.67 per cent of its total mental health budget 2016/17 on services for children and young people.

This figure increases marginally to 2.45 per cent when eating disorder services are included.

Richard Caddy, spokesman for Shropshire CCG, said: "Shropshire CCG is very aware of the importance of mental health for children and young people.

"Earlier this year the CCG, in partnership with Telford & Wrekin CCG, carried out an extensive engagement exercise with young service users, their parents, carers and health professionals with a view to developing a new Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service for Children that will launch in 2017.

"The new service will create an opportunity to improve how services for children and young people are organised and delivered in order to provide improved outcomes.

"The procurement process is ongoing and although we cannot give further details currently we plan to do so in the near future."

Sir Simon said: "Our analysis shows that in many areas of the country, the proportion of money that CCGs are planning to spend on the mental health of our children and young people seems negligible.

"We urge commissioners to ensure that the extra money that they have received for these vitally needed services is passed on."

The Government has pledged to invest in child and adolescent mental health services.

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Even pets got in on the act during the parade

Young and old had lots of fun at the Oswestry Christmas Parade

Trucks were decorated in festive colours for the big event

Festive fun for all

Report by Sue Austin

CHRISTMAS arrived with a bang in Oswestry, with fireworks, a funfair, music and a festive parade.

There were not one but two festive events in Oswestry at the weekend, both drawing thousands of visitors to the streets and the shops.

Friday night was the annual Oswestry Christmas Music Live event which saw a huge funfair built in the town centre in just a couple of hours, transforming the town into an entertainment centre.

Organised by Oswestry Town Council, the event included live music on the Bailey Head and a vast craft, charity and food market within Bailey Street and Cross Street. There was also a mini ice-rink on festive square with sessions for local school children followed by public skating.

The night culminated in a spectacular fireworks display in Cae Glas Park.

No sooner was the funfair packed away than Oswestry's Christmas Parade got under way on Saturday, organised by the Borderlands Rotary Club with help from the town's other Rotarians.

One of the members, Jonathan Jones, said more than 30 floats and walking fancy dress groups took part.

"We are indebted to the haulage companies and local farmers who, year after year, allow groups to use their vehicles and to the drivers who give up their time to drive the vehicles," he said.

The colourful floats wound there way through the town centre which was line with spectators throughout the route.

Rotarians walked along the route collecting donations of money which will go to local charities and good causes.

Children could also visit Santa's grotto in the market.

There were plenty of elves taking part in the big Christmas parade. Photos: Alan Evans.

Crowds wave to the floats as they go by in Oswestry

A variety of transport was used in the annual town centre parade

Youngsters wait to see the floats in the parade

The parade brought Oswestry town centre to a standstill once again

There were plenty of laughs at the event

The New Saints Football Club Community Foundation had a packed float this year

There was plenty of musical entertainment to keep the crowds moving in Oswestry

A team of elves were kept busy during the Oswestry Christmas parade

Hope House Children's Hospice entered a float in the big parade

Winner of the non commercial float was The Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries. With the winners are Borderland Rotary president John Croft and Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner

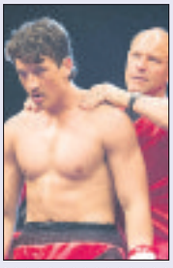
Cinema listings

SULLY (12A)

Simply soars – 8/10

On January 15, 2009, Captain Chesley Sullenberger, known affectionately as Sully, drew on years of experience to glide a stricken Airbus A320 onto New York's Hudson River in freezing conditions. Clint Eastwood's exemplary thriller, which centres on the subsequent investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), is a masterclass in sustained tension.

BLEED FOR THIS (15)



Sucker punched – 6/10

A setback in the boxing ring convinces Paz (Miles Teller) to join forces with a no-nonsense new trainer, Kevin Rooney (Aaron Eckhart). After initial success the euphoria of defeating champion Roberto Duran (Edwin Rodriguez) is cut short when Paz is involved in a head-on collision with a car. Everyone tells the boxer to give up, but he won't.

A UNITED KINGDOM (12A)

Moving romance – 8/10

Seretse Khama (David Oyelowo), heir apparent to the nation of Bechuanaland (now Botswana), is studying law in 1947 London before returning home to lead his people. At a dance organised by the London Missionary Society, Seretse falls in love with typist Ruth Williams (Rosamund Pike). Unperturbed, the couple marries and Ruth accompanies Seretse to Bechuanaland, where she faces hostility.

ALLIED (15)

Style over substance – 5/10

Wing commander Max Vatan (Brad Pitt), a Canadian intelligence officer posted to London during the Second World War, parachutes behind enemy lines to assassinate a German ambassador with glamorous French Resistance fighter Marianne Beausejour (Marion Cotillard). The couple reunite in London, where they marry. But Allied Command believe her to be a German spy.

Disney hits gold again

Review by Damon Smith

THE female empowerment of Frozen gets a Polynesian makeover in this joyful rites-of-passage animation.

It's peppered with infectious songs composed by Lin-Manuel Miranda, Opetaia Foa'i and Mark Mancina. Directors Ron Clements and John Musker, who previously fashioned The Little Mermaid and Aladdin, rediscover their golden touch on land and at sea, with breathtaking visuals including dazzling water effects. They also wedge tongues firmly in cheek by poking fun at the lead character's stern assertion she isn't an archetypal Disney heroine.

"If you wear a dress and have an animal sidekick, you're a princess," quips a demi-god, who joins her on this memorable odyssey into the magical unknown.

The key message of Frozen – that girls don't need a handsome prince to achieve their happily ever after – is reaffirmed and the script incorporates the now obligatory smattering of pop culture references, like when the same demi-god scrawls a message with a rooster and deadpans: "When you write with a bird, it's called tweeting."

The songbook might lack a karaoke earworm akin to Let It Go – parents, you can breathe easy – but the film still boasts some terrific compositions, particularly the solo offerings of Miranda, who won numerous Tony awards for the musical Hamilton.

Moana Waialiki (voiced by Auli'i Cravalho) is the daughter of Chief Tui (Temuera Morrison) and has been groomed since birth to lead her people on the island of Motunui.

However, she feels a strong calling to the sea which angers her father, who believes the tropical paradise can sustain their tribe.

Tenacious teenager Moana (voice of Auli'i Cravalho) recruits a demigod named Maui (voice of Dwayne Johnson) to help

Moana's wise grandmother Tala (Rachel House) fills the girl's head with wild stories about the demi-god Maui, who stole the heart of the island goddess Te Fiti and lost this precious green stone during a battle with ferocious lava demon Te Ka.

The old woman encourages Moana to seek out Maui and restore Te Fiti's missing heart in order to bring prosperity to the island. With the wind in her sail and a witless rooster called Heihei (Alan Tudyk) by her side, Moana ventures over the reef for the first time in search of Maui (Dwayne Johnson). Moana is another solid gold hit from Disney's animation studio, marrying self-realisation and broad comedy to dizzying effect.

A trippy interlude with a singing coconut crab (Jemaine Clement) in the underwater Realm of the Monsters is a highlight.

Johnson embraces his role with comic gusto, including a fine rendition of the self-congratulatory anthem You're Welcome, and Cravalho imbues her gung-ho seafarer with tenderness and determination.

Moana is preceded by Leo Matsuda's exquisite animated short Inner Workings, which journeys inside the body of one hapless office worker to explore the literal battle between head and heart for supremacy.

Book reviews

BORDER CANALS

By Ray Shill
Published by
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Canals which once were abandoned and in some cases derelict have been reborn in relatively modern times and are now the haunts of leisure boaters.

Shropshire has one of the best – the Llangollen Canal – which was conceived as an industrial waterway. This book by canal historian Ray Shill is a photographic look at the navigable waterways in Shropshire, Cheshire, Denbighshire, and Flint, and goes across into Mid Wales at Pool Quay and Welshpool.

It features many photographs, some of which have been previously unpublished, maps, and explanatory text to bind what is essentially a picture book together.

By Florence Mona Procter

AROUND AND ABOUT NEWTOWN

By Newtown Local History Group
Published by Newtown Local History Group

Walk around any town and there will be a lot of interest that you will simply miss, either because you didn't know it was there in the first place, or you don't look up or look down at the right time.

It is these things you might otherwise miss that are the staple of this book compiled by local historians. As they have excluded, with one or two exceptions, buildings, they themselves questioned whether they would come up with 101 things, but in the end do not seem to have had much difficulty.The booklet covers the parishes of Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn. Even long-standing residents may discover objects of which they were unaware.

By John Mountford

PRIVATE EYE ANNUAL 2016

Edited by Ian Hislop
Published by Private Eye Productions

You could say it's been a rather eventful year, and here is Private Eye's highly entertaining take on Brexit, all those high profile resignations (and in the case of Mr Farage, comebacks), celebrity deaths, and so on.

If you've seen Private Eye, you'll know the sort of thing to expect and be familiar with the regular features and cartoons, but if you haven't, watching Ian Hislop on television will give you an inkling. As it happens, Shropshire can boast being the spiritual home of the satirical magazine, because the founders met at Shrewsbury School.

You will be able to find a good home for it among somebody in your family or friends.

By Toby Neal

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One of the Ugly Sisters gets the make-up on and gets set for the first show as the hugely popular panto season gets under way at Shrewsbury

The Fairy Godmother is just about ready for the big stage

It's pantomime season again – oh, yes it is

LAUGHTER filled Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn as the curtain went up on this year's record-breaking pantomime.

The venue by the riverside hosts shows until January 8 and record numbers will watch what has been described as the biggest show since it moved to its new home.

Hundreds of schoolchildren from across the county were the first to watch this year's production of Cinderella, with dozens of coaches pulling up to drop off the excited audience.

Some of the pupils admitted they had been so excited they had struggled to do their work before heading to the panto.

Grace Shapcott, eight, from Morda Church of England Primary School, near Oswestry, said: "I was really excited about the pantomime.

"I just love everything about it.

"It is really funny when you are shouting things like 'it's behind you'."

Star of the show Brad Fitt said he was delighted to be back in Shropshire and was looking forward to a great Christmas season at Theatre Severn.

He said: "There's plenty of laughter, plenty of dance and plenty of topical jokes.

"Of all the pantomimes, Cinderella is the one with the best story.

"It's a real fairy story, rather than a knock-about."

Mr Fitt, who usually appears in Shrewsbury each year as the panto dame, said he was glad to be out of his normal frocks.

"I've never played anything other than a dame in Shrewsbury so this is a bit different for me," he said.

"I feel as though something is missing.

"Being the dame means you have to put the face on and the padded suit, which takes a couple of hours.

"But today, I've sat here and had a shave and I'm done."

The show has been written by Paul Hendy and produced by Evolution, the same team that brought previous box office smash hits Dick Whittington, Peter Pan and Sleeping Beauty. The show will feature Eric Smith, from BBC Radio Shropshire, as Baron Hard-Up, alongside the formidable Ugly Sisters Ian Smith and Matt Daines.

SPECIAL REPORT

By Sam Morris

Completing the cast are Phil Butler as Dandini, Joanne Heywood as Fairy Godmother, Victoria McCabe in the title role, and Ryan Bennett as Prince Charming.

Mr Fitt said he enjoyed returning to Shrewsbury year after year and was again looking forward to the pantomime season.

He said: "I always feel sorry for performers who go from town to town because they don't get a chance to learn what an audience likes. I see people come back the same day the following year, you recognise them and it's a form of shorthand.

"When you come back year after year you already know what it's like and you bypass all the getting to know each other stage. It's like meeting up with old friends."

Mr Fitt said the show was enormously important to the long-term success of the theatre. "The theatre enjoys it because it's the longest running show of the year.

"It's a great team effort and we're all getting along well, we've all gelled and bonded."

Harry Dutton, nine, also from Morda school, was among the first group to see the show and he said he wasn't left disappointed.

"I have been really looking forward to it for a while," he said.

Merridy James, a teacher at Morda, said there were about 140 children from the school at the performance. "It has been constant questioning from them about when we are going – they have been so excitable. This is the third year we have brought the children here. There has been a real big build up. It is a nice treat to kick-start the Christmas celebrations.

"Some of the children have never experienced theatre so the fact they can come here and experience it with school is great."

Fans say panto season will always bring laughter and excitement to all theatre-goers no matter how old they are and whether they have been before

Cantiones group looks forward to sharing the stage

MEMBERS of Oswestry musical group Cantiones often share their music-making with other groups and this Christmas is no exception.

Joining them on the platform for what organisers are describing as a truly joyous carol concert will be two young choirs from Oswestry School.

Sian Jones from Cantione said: "The youngest singers from Bellan House have named themselves 'Cantiones 13' for the occasion and students and staff from the school's Chapel Choir, will also be joining Cantiones for a lovely programme of traditional and popular Christmas music by candlelight.

"The children of Bellan House have been part of Cantiones' Christmas Carols before but this is the first time the Chapel Choir has also joined forces with Oswestry's long-standing and highly successful chamber choir.

"The choirs will sing separately and together and there will be plenty of traditional carols for the audience to join in with too.

"The choirs have rehearsed together very happily, as well as very musically, and it was a wonderful experience for everyone to share music between generations of music-makers.

"We are all very excited about the evening ahead."

The concert will be at 7.30pm on Saturday at Christ Church in Oswestry.

Tickets are £10 for adults and there is free admission for people aged under 16.

Tickets will include wine and mince pies.

They are available in Oswestry from the Heritage Centre and Rowanthorn in Old Chapel Court, on the door on the night and by phoning (01691) 238227.

The Cantiones choir organisation was founded in 1982 by Michael Smith, the then organist of the Parish Church of St Oswald, King & Martyr, Oswestry.

Under its original name "Cantiones Sacrae" the choir comprised 15 voices and set its sights on performing some of the more challenging music in the chamber choir repertoire.

Photo: Oswestry's Cantiones Choir rehearses with the Chapel Choir from Oswestry School. The school's head of music, Julian Cattley, joined with Cantiones' musical director, Gerry Howe, in their appreciation of the opportunity to sing together.

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Casualty
9.10pm
Store manager Larry is admitted to A&E after getting caught up in a Christmas Eve sales riot at his shop. Meanwhile, Duffy's estranged husband Ryan is also caught up in the fracas, and when he too is admitted to the ED, he makes use of his hospitalisation to try to repair his fractured marriage.

Flog It!
3.30pm
While experts Adam Partridge and Christina Trevanion value objects at Hereford Cathedral, Paul Martin manages to get his hands on a Hofner guitar originally played by Alvin Stardust. The presenter also visits nearby Berrington Hall and explores it from the perspective of the servants.

The Jonathan Ross Show
10.05pm
The veteran chat show host prepares to welcome in the Christmas season with one last selection of celebrity interviews. Joining Jonathan for festive fun this evening are Paul Hollywood, Miranda Hart. Keira Knightley, and pop royalty Kylie Minogue also drops by. David Walliams rounds out the guest list.

It Was Alright in the 1970s
9pm
Matt Lucas returns to narrate another light-hearted retrospective poking fun at Britain's viewing habits in the 1970s. This time, he focuses on the world of comedy. Includes commentary and contributions by Melvyn Hayes, Eric Chappell, Bill Oddie, Grace Dent, Nish Kumar, Ellie Taylor and Joel Dommett.

Football on 5: The Championship
9pm
George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Newcastle United v Birmingham City at St James' Park, Aston Villa v Wigan Athletic at Villa Park and Barnsley v Norwich City at Oakwell.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Donal Skehan takes on presenting duties as Simon Hulstone and Cyrus Todiwala take up residence in the kitchen, and Paralympic swimmer Ellie Simmonds faces food heaven or hell.
11.30 **James Martin – Home Comforts at Christmas.** The chef demonstrates festive recipes. (R)
12.00 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker looks ahead to this weekend's Premier League fixtures.
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Bargain Hunt.** From Alexandra Palace in north London. (R)
2.00 **Christmas Supermarket Secrets.** Gregg Wallace finds out how major retailers cope at Christmas. (R)
3.00 **Escape to the Continent.** A Northamptonshire couple hoping to move to Brittany. (R)
4.00 **Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland.
5.10 **Celebrity Mastermind.** With Katy Ashworth, Thomas Turgoose, Mick Fitzgerald and Shelagh Fogarty. (R)
5.40 **BBC News.**
5.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.00 **Pointless Celebrities.** Simon Day, Paul Chowdhry, Emily Atack, Ian Lavender, Kerry Godliman, Graeme Garden, Steve Pemberton and Bob Mortimer take part in a special edition of the quiz. (R)
6.50 **Strictly Come Dancing.** The four remaining pro-celebrity couples enter the semi-finals of the annual dancing competition, taking to the stage once again to claim a place in the grand final.
8.10 **Michael McIntyre's Big Show.** Rick Astley, Al Porter and Olly Murs perform on stage at London's Theatre Royal, and Olympic swimmer Rebecca Adlington hands her phone to the host for Send To All.
9.10 **Casualty.** A riot at a department store on Christmas Eve results in a trip to the ED for miserly boss Larry. Meanwhile, Duffy's estranged husband Ryan tries to repair his fractured marriage.
10.00 **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin presents as the all-important winning Lotto and Thunderball numbers are revealed, with comedian Miles Jupp doing the honours and pushing the buttons.
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Leicester City v Manchester City and Arsenal v Stoke City; **National Lottery Update.**
11.50 **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL world, joined by former Super Bowl winners Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell.
12.20 FILM: **Hard Rain (1998).** A security guard foils a robbery, but ends up accused of the crime just as a flood threatens to engulf the area. Action adventure, starring Christian Slater and Morgan Freeman.
1.50 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.55 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.25 FILM: **The Big Sky (1952).** Two frontiersmen guide a party of fur traders through hostile territory to return the princess of a Blackfoot tribe to her people. Western, starring Kirk Douglas and Dewey Martin.
8.25 FILM: **Build My Gallows High (1947).** Film noir, starring Robert Mitchum.
10.00 **Secret Britain.** Ellie Harrison and Adam Henson explore the Scottish Highlands. Last in the series. (R)
11.00 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties in Stoke-on-Trent, east London and Devon. (R)
12.00 **Hairy Bikers' Best of British.** Si King and Dave Myers examine the food that was popular in the 1970s. (R)
1.00 **Best Bakes Ever.** A selection of recipes from television chefs.
1.30 FILM: **Lust for Life (1956).** Biopic of Van Gogh, exploring the painter's struggles with mental illness as he obsessively devotes himself to his art. Starring Kirk Douglas and an Oscar-winning Anthony Quinn.
3.30 **Flog It!** From Hereford Cathedral. (R)
4.10 **Natural World.** Profile of two 17-year-old reindeer herders. (R)
5.00 FILM: **Nativity! (2009).** Comedy, starring Martin Freeman.
6.40 **Operation Snow Tiger.** Part one of two. Liz Bonnin heads to the frozen forests of the far east of Russia to join a team of scientists studying endangered Siberian tigers. (R)
7.40 **Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands.** The Inner Hebrides islands of Gigha and Jura which, despite their close proximity, could not be more different – one being lush and verdant, the other rugged and awe-inspiring.
8.10 **Dad's Army.** Lance Corporal Jones takes the plunge and decides to make an honest woman of Mrs Fox. Last-ever episode of the wartime comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)
8.45 **Walt Disney – Part One.** Part one of two. Documentary exploring the life and legacy of Walt Disney, beginning with his early animated work, and the success of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
9.45 **Rauschenberg – American Art Pioneer.** Alastair Sooke visits the east coast of the US to profile Robert Rauschenberg, the influential American artist who bridged the gap between the abstract expressionism and pop-art.
10.45 **Andy Parsons: Slacktivist.** A stand-up performance by the Mock the Week panellist recorded over two nights at Harrogate Theatre in North Yorkshire during his I've Got a Shed tour in 2013. (R)
11.45 FILM: **In the Dark Half (2012).** Premiere. A teenager is distraught when the boy she was babysitting dies, and believes his spirit is haunting her. Horror, starring Jessica Barden, Tony Curran and Lyndsey Marshal.
1.05 FILM: **Jackpot (2011).** A man found surrounded by dead bodies recounts the story of how a pools win led him and his friends to a massacre. Crime comedy, starring Kyrre Hellum and Mads Ousdal.
2.25 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

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8.10 **Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls.** Feisty frolics. (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** Adventures with the Scooby gang.
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children. (R)
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 FILM: **Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966).** Comedy, starring Sid James.
11.15 **Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
12.15 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.25 **Cash Trapped.** Quiz, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
1.30 FILM: **Death on the Nile (1978).** Hercule Poirot investigates the murder of an unpopular heiress on board a paddle steamer in Egypt. Agatha Christie mystery, starring Peter Ustinov, Bette Davis and David Niven.
4.10 **Thunderbirds Are Go.** A comet's change of course threatens both a space station and Earth itself.
4.35 **The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
5.35 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Comedian Jim Moir – alias Vic Reeves – Dallas star Charlene Tilton and actress-singer Martine McCutcheon take turns on the token-pushing machine for charity. Ben Shephard hosts. (R)
7.00 **Go for It Special.** A special edition of the talent-based game show, in which Stephen Mulhern invites members of the public to take on previous contributor's chosen stunts in a battle of one-upmanship.
8.00 **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary presents the first of two grand final shows, in which the three remaining acts battle it out to avoid ending the contest in third place.
10.05 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** Paul Hollywood, Miranda Hart, Keira Knightley, Kylie Minogue and David Walliams join Jonathan for festive fun as the latest series of his chat show concludes. Last in the series.
11.10 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.25 FILM: **Senna (2010).** Documentary exploring the life of Formula One world champion Ayrton Senna, examining his achievements on the track in the 10 years before his death during the San Marino Grand Prix.
1.20 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.10 **Gillette World Sport.** Including a look at life as a student athlete at the University of California, Berkeley.
6.40 **ITERA Expedition Race Ireland.** Extreme multi-sports adventure.
7.05 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Part two of two. Robert and Amy exchange vows. (R)
7.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra joins Ray on the golf course. (R)
7.55 **Frasier.** The Cranes go on a fishing trip. (R)
8.25 **Frasier.** A caller makes Frasier question Maris's fidelity. (R)
9.00 **The Morning Line.** A look ahead to this afternoon's racing at Cheltenham.
10.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** The gang runs into Penny's old boyfriend Zack.
10.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Penny tries to bond with Leonard's mother during an extended visit.
11.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard's recently divorced parents come to town.
11.30 **The Simpsons.** Bart and Lisa write a cartoon script. (R)
12.00 **The Simpsons.** With the voice of Barry White. (R)
12.30 **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show.
1.30 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Cheltenham and Doncaster.
4.00 **Jamie's Super Food.** Jamie Oliver visits the mountains of Switzerland. (R)
4.30 **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer go house hunting in Essex. (R)
5.35 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** Two brothers seek a multi-functional home in Portugal's Algarve.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Jutland: WWI's Greatest Sea Battle.** Re-examining the events of the First World War naval battle, as the grandson of the admiral who led the British forces tries to salvage his grandfather's reputation. (R)
8.00 **Pearl Harbour: The New Evidence.** Documentary aiming to offer a conclusive answer to whether London and Washington allowed Japanese forces to attack Pearl Harbour in 1941, to drag America into the Second World War.
9.00 **It Was Alright in the 1970s.** Matt Lucas returns to poke more fun at Britain's viewing habits in the 1970s, this time turning attention to politically incorrectness in some of the nation's favourite TV comedies.
10.00 FILM: **Paul (2011).** A captive alien escapes from a secret military base and seeks the help of two English comic-book geeks in getting to his spaceship. Sci-fi comedy, with Simon Pegg and Nick Frost.
12.05 FILM: **Kingpin (1996).** Comedy, starring Woody Harrelson.
2.10 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Cameron is furious when Leela suggests postponing the wedding. (R)
4.15 **Location, Location, Location.** (R)
5.10 **Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.** (R)
5.25 **Deal or No Deal.** (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Milkshake! Monkey **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.10** Peppa Pig **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Bob the Builder **6.40** Wanda and the Alien **6.50** Zack and Quack **7.00** Seaside Antics **7.05** Fireman Sam **7.20** Pip Ahoy! **7.35** Little Princess **7.50** Paw Patrol **8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.40** Noddy in Toyland **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.10** Shimmer and Shine **9.35** Peppa Pig
9.45 **The Fairly OddParents.** Timmy takes care of Poof, and later, wishes for indestructible hair. (R)
10.20 FILM: **Hats Off to Christmas! (2013).** Romantic drama, with Haylie Duff and Antonio Cupo.
12.05 FILM: **Deck the Halls (2006).** Christmas comedy, starring Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick.
1.55 FILM: **The Nine Lives of Christmas (2014).** Romantic comedy, starring Brandon Routh and Kimberly Sustad.
3.30 FILM: **Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan (2010).** Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts.
5.25 FILM: **Finding Father Christmas (2016).** Premiere. Drama, starring Erin Krakow.
7.10 **NCIS: Silent Night, Deadly Night.** A murder investigation leads the team to provide protection for a pregnant marine whose unborn child could sway the balance of power in Afghanistan. (R)
8.00 **NCIS: Mistletoe & Murder.** Gibbs and the team investigate the death of a Navy lieutenant commander's husband, while Tony's father visits for Christmas. Guest starring Robert Wagner. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Newcastle United v Birmingham City.
10.00 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two, including Bradford City v Charlton Athletic.
10.30 **That's So 1989.** A look at the events of 1989, which saw the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Tiananmen Square crackdown and chart hits by Black Box, Cher and Madonna. (R)
11.30 **Impractical Jokers UK.** The boys pursue bizarre lines of enquiry while manning a sweet shop, and act according to the will of their friends during a shoe shop-based challenge.
12.00 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 FILM: **Wrong Turn (2003).** Six travellers are stranded in the woods of West Virginia, where mutant cannibalistic hillbillies have set their sights on them. Horror, with Eliza Dushku and Desmond Harrington.
4.35 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip. (R)
4.50 **House Doctor.** (R)
5.15 **House Doctor.** (R)
5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** Silver Hatch's loudspeaker system breaks. (R)

Strictly Come Dancing: The Results

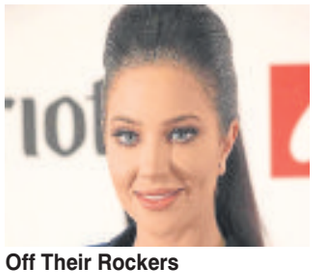
7.20pm

Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal the results of last night's show, with two of the remaining four couples guaranteed a spot in next week's final. The two remaining couples must compete in a dance-off to decide who get the last place in the final.

The Toys That Made Christmas

6.35pm

Robert Webb takes a light-hearted look back at playthings of the past, offering fortysomethings the chance to reminisce about the days before PlayStations, laptops and iPods. It was a more innocent time when Fuzzy-Felt and Spirograph brought out the artist in everyone, and girls spent hours with Barbie.



Off Their Rockers

6.30pm

More hidden camera pranks, featuring a guest appearance by former N-Dubz singer Tulisa Contostavlos, who manages to lose her chauffeur. Marry and Joan compete to see who is the most like a Kardashian, and Dave's back waxing goes horribly wrong. Last in the series.

Humans

9pm

Laura discovers that Mia and Hester are preparing to break into the silo, and goes in search of Niska to ask for her help – but the synths' attack on the facility does not go to plan. Meanwhile, Mattie asks Max to help save Leo from Hester's influence, while Toby receives a disturbing message.

The Expendables 3

9pm

Premiere. Soldier of fortune Barney Ross discovers an old friend he was forced to kill is still alive, and has become a powerful arms dealer with vengeance on his mind. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone, Mel Gibson, Jason Statham, Wesley Snipes, Dolph Lundgren and Harrison Ford.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.35 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Leicester City v Manchester City and Arsenal v Stoke City. (R)
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **Fern Britton Meets Michael Gove.** The Conservative politician discusses his religious beliefs.
11.00 **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** Presented by Andrew Neil.
12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** From Peterborough. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Featuring homes in Cheshire, north west London and Port Talbot. (R)
2.00 **Escape to the Country.** Searching for a property in rural Norfolk. (R)
2.45 **Lifeline.** An appeal on behalf of braintrust.
2.55 FILM: **Kung Fu Panda (2008).** A lazy panda is forced to master martial arts to protect his valley home from a rampaging snow leopard. Animated comedy, featuring the voices of Jack Black and Dustin Hoffman.
4.20 **Planet Earth II.** Wildlife that inhabit the world's grasslands. (R)
5.20 **Songs of Praise.** Children with serious illnesses enjoy a trip to Lapland.
5.55 **BBC News.**
6.10 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.20 **Countryfile.** The team explores Aberdeenshire, where Helen Skelton visits an open-air aquarium and a village with no cars while Joe Crowley finds out about the area's wildcat population. Including weather for the week ahead.
7.20 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which of the four remaining couples is through to the final. Plus, a routine by the professional dancers and music from Sting.
8.00 **Planet Earth II.** Footage of wild animals that live in cities, including leopards in Mumbai, peregrine falcons in New York, hyenas in Harar and langurs in Jodhpur. Last in the series.
9.00 **My Mother and Other Strangers.** Rose rejects Dreyfuss when he returns to the village, but feels torn when she learns the reason for his disappearance during a Christmas party at the aerodrome. Last in the series.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, including Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford.
11.45 **Sunny D.** Dane hits rock bottom as Nicola refuses to speak to him, but receives some advice from one of his heroes – and Stefan has a plan to help him solve his problems. Last in the series.
12.10 **Citizen Khan.** Dreading the sad moment, Khan prepares to drop off beloved daughter Alia for her first day at university, and later has the opportunity to reminisce about her early years. (R)
12.40 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
12.45 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.30 **The A to Z of TV Gardening.** Carol Kirkwood looks at subjects beginning with the letter S. (R)
7.15 **Big Dreams Small Spaces.** Monty Don helps amateur gardeners who are battling the elements. (R)
8.15 **Carol Klein's Plant Odysseys.** The history and development of the water lily. Last in the series. (R)
8.45 **Countryfile.** The team explores Lincolnshire. (R)
9.45 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** With Matt Tebbutt.
11.15 **Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food.** The Michelin-starred chef demonstrates how to make two roast dinners. (R)
11.45 **Best Bakes Ever.** A selection of recipes from television chefs. (R)
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** Mark Chapman presents football discussion.
1.00 FILM: **Quantrill's Raiders (1958).** Civil War Western, starring Steve Cochran.
2.10 FILM: **Dial M for Murder (1954).** Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Ray Milland.
3.50 **Athletics: European Cross Country Championships.** Highlights from Chia, Sardinia.
4.50 **Heir Hunters.** The researchers search for heirs on a huge family tree. (R)
5.35 **Flog It!** From the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford. (R)
6.35 **The Toys That Made Christmas.** Robert Webb takes a light-hearted look back at Christmases past through the toys people played with and loved over the years, including Fuzzy-Felt, Spirograph, Barbie and Meccano. (R)
8.00 FILM: **The Lone Ranger (2013).** Premiere. A lawyer left for dead joins forces with a mysterious Native American fugitive to bring his brother's killer to justice. Western, starring Armie Hammer and Johnny Depp. Edited for pre-watershed broadcast.
10.20 **QI XL.** Richard Osman, Lolly Adefope and Lee Mack join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig to contemplate the theme "naked truth" in this extended episode.
11.05 **Black Is the New Black.** The experiences of people who are black and British, with contributions from figures drawn from the worlds of politics, business, religion and science. (R)
11.35 **Black Is the New Black.** Naomi Campbell, Dizzee Rascal, David Harewood, Tinie Tempah, Trevor McDonald and Alesha Dixon share their thoughts on growing up, touching on family, school and the working world. (R)
12.05 FILM: **Ash Wednesday (2002).** A reformed New York mobster tangles with his former cronies when his supposedly dead brother shows up from nowhere. Thriller, starring Edward Burns, Elijah Wood and Rosario Dawson.
1.40 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** The team explores Lincolnshire. (R)
2.35 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Jac puts her patient before her own health concerns, with serious consequences. (R)
3.35 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

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9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Wild Australia with Ray Mears.** Ray explores the desert. (R)
10.00 **Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel.** With guest Jason Gardiner. (R)
11.00 FILM: **Dragonheart (1996).** Fantasy adventure, starring Dennis Quaid.
12.55 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
1.00 **Midsomer Murders.** Joyce Barnaby thinks she is responsible for a man's death. (R)
2.55 **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary presents the first of two grand final shows. (R)
5.00 **The Chase.** Celebrity version of the quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
6.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **Off Their Rockers.** Tulisa Contostavlos loses her chauffeur, Marry and Joan compete to see who is the most like a Kardashian, and Dave gets his back waxed. Last in the series.
7.00 **The Next Great Magician.** Stephen Mulhern and Rochelle Humes present the series finale, in which the winners from the past five weeks' shows return with their most spectacular illusions. Last in the series.
8.00 **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary introduces the climax of the talent contest, as the two remaining acts give their final performance before this year's winner is announced. Last in the series.
10.05 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.25 **Ball and Boe: One Night Only.** Double Olivier Award-winning star of the stage Michael Ball and top tenor Alfie Boe join forces for an evening of music, including theatrical classics from their new album Together. (R)
11.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences, and dispenses his own judgment on the situation. (R)
12.10 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **Motorsport UK.** Action from Brands Hatch.
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)

Channel 4

6.15 **The King of Queens.** Doug and Carrie consider adoption. (R)
6.40 **The King of Queens.** Part one of two. Arthur and Ava face difficulties. (R)
7.05 **The King of Queens.** Part two of two. The wedding day problems continue. (R)
7.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Marie tries to put Amy in her place. (R)
7.55 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Michael stays home from school. (R)
8.25 **Frasier.** Bebe advises Frasier to feign illness. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** The Crane brothers buy into a restaurant. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Gary Barlow and Catherine Tyldesley.
12.25 **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show.
1.20 **The Big Bang Theory.** Penny contemplates returning to acting. (R)
1.45 **The Big Bang Theory.** Howard questions his engineering abilities. (R)
2.10 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon is bothered by the attention following his scientific discovery. (R)
2.35 **The Simpsons.** Bart acquires a new father figure. (R)
3.00 **The Simpsons.** Lisa hurts Ralph's feelings. (R)
3.30 **The Simpsons.** The family remembers Lisa's early days. (R)
4.00 FILM: **Jingle All the Way (1996).** Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.
5.45 **Channel 4 News.**
6.15 FILM: **Paddington (2014).** Premiere. A bear from the Peruvian jungle starts a new life in London, but catches the eye of a sinister taxidermist. Family comedy, starring Hugh Bonneville and Sally Hawkins.
8.00 **Christmas at the Chateau.** Dick and Angel await the arrival of guests expecting a luxurious Christmas. Dick continues work on the lift, while Angel finds some valuable vinyl records. Last in the series.
9.00 **Humans.** Laura seeks Niska's help as Mia and Hester prepare to break into the silo – but their attack does not go to plan. Karen goes in search of Athena and makes a life-changing decision.
10.00 **Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
11.00 FILM: **Filth (2013).** A corrupt policeman plots to turn his colleagues against each other as his own cocaine use spirals out of control. Black comedy, starring James McAvoy and Imogen Poots.
12.50 FILM: **The Iceman (2012).** Fact-based crime drama, starring Michael Shannon.
2.35 **The Last Leg.** Ricky Gervais joins the regulars. (R)
3.30 **Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer offer advice to a Northamptonshire couple. (R)
4.20 **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help two first-time buyers. (R)
5.10 **Deal or No Deal.** (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Milkshake! Monkey **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.10** Peppa Pig **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.25** Bob the Builder **6.40** Wanda and the Alien **6.50** Zack and Quack **7.00** Seaside Antics **7.05** Fireman Sam **7.15** Pip Ahoy! **7.30** Little Princess **7.45** Paw Patrol **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.25** Noddy in Toyland **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.10** Shimmer and Shine **9.25** Peppa Pig **9.35** Peppa Pig **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.55 **The Fairly OddParents.** Double bill. Timmy goes to hospital. (R)
10.30 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (R)
11.30 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (R)
12.00 **The Gadget Show.** A review of the latest supposedly indestructible devices. (R)
12.55 **Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Compilation of cat-themed internet videos. (R)
1.55 FILM: **Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever (2014).** Premiere. Comedy, starring Megan Charpentier.
3.35 FILM: **A Prince for Christmas (2015).** Premiere. Festive romance, starring Viva Bianca.
5.20 FILM: **A Cinderella Christmas (2016).** Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Emma Rigby and Peter Porte.
7.10 FILM: **Jackie Chan's The Forbidden Kingdom (2008).** An American teenager is sent back in time to ancient China where he takes on a quest with the aid of two legendary warriors. Martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li and Jackie Chan. Edited for violence and language.
9.00 FILM: **The Expendables 3 (2014).** Premiere. Soldier of fortune Barney Ross recruits a new team to battle an arms dealer with a score to settle. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Mel Gibson. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm.
11.25 FILM: **The Last Stand (2013).** The sheriff of a small town on the Mexican border tries to stop a drug lord from fleeing the country. Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Johnny Knoxville.
1.15 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 **Secret Life of Puppies: Terrible Twos.** Part one of two. The return of the documentary following the early stages of dogs' lives. An English bulldog is piling on the pounds and is given a new exercise regimen. (R)
4.00 **Now That's Funny!** Internet-sourced videos with an amusing family friendly hook. (R)
4.50 **House Doctor.** A country cottage in Northamptonshire. (R)
5.15 **House Doctor.** A Victorian house in Norwich. (R)
5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** The children worry about singing in class. (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** The friends visit the beach. (R)

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EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3023 Box 421375**

JULIE attractive 35yr old female with a great body, looking for no strings attached evening meets. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 425037**

HI Gents, I'm Kelly, a down to earth lady, 35yrs, shapely brunette, seeking someone with GSOH, looks unimportant, any age. ACA, I promise! **Tel: 0906 515 3027 Box 423035**

SARAH, young looking curvy 41yr old female, bored with everyday routines, WLTM up for some fun dicreet and extremely broadminded younger male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 424827**

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CALL or text me, I'm Claire, single, 41yrs loves life to the full, hoping you will contact me if you want a genuine fun time. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 424779**

SARAH, mature feminine lady, kind caring but still has a sensual side, hoping to meet like minded, confident, non smoking gent with GSOH, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 424777**

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PROFESSIONAL lady, mid 60s, interests include gardening, theatre, walking, days out and travelling, animal lover, looking for a professional gentleman, kind and caring, intellectual and outgoing, with gosh, for friendship possibly more, in the Stafford area. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 424569**

HI I'm Ellie, 39, pretty, funny, great figure, OHAC/child, have everything apart from a man, WLTM someone I wanna be with, not have to be. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 424635**

DIVORCED female, attractive, sensual by nature, OHAC, bored with own company, looking to make life a little more exciting with likeminded man. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 424591**

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FEMALE 50, seeks male of similar age for friendship, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 350529**

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MALE, 59, 5ft2, dark hair, looking for a lady, 50-60, to share the good things in life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 424759**

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IAN, 5ft8, medium build, OHAC, late 50s, likes most things, holidays, gardening, motorbikes, WLTM similar aged lady, 50-60, with nice personality. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 421345**

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MALE, 64, single, n/s, likes music, films, driving, nights in, dining out, trips, WLTM lady, 50-70, looks unimportant, for friendship and relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 424927**

CARING male, 55, N/S, medium build, likes meals out, music, cinema, sports, driving, seeks female, 40-60 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 239148**

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RETIRED male seeking companionship maybe more. No time wasters. **Text only Mailbox: 5542315**

TIM, young at heart, intelligent, fun loving, spontaneous, GSOH, WLTM a lady with a GSOH, for friendship and possibly more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 424395**

ATTRACTIVE, Tall and intelligent Black male 50, lover of animals and nature seeks solvent lady of quality 50+ for romance. **Text only Mailbox: 5561456**

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47 year old guy, 5ft7, dark hair, blue eyes, likes DVDs, nights in and out, seeks female, 42-49, in Leamington Spa/Rugby area, for friendship and long term relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 424325**

ANDY, single, 53, looking for a mature, sexy lady, age/looks unimportant, for fun and adventure. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 422893**

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Looking forward to next generation

By Sharon Walters

It's a multi award-winner and you can see why. Nissan's Qashqai has more than proved itself as a capable family car since it first hit our roads almost 10 years ago and began our love of the crossover.

Back then it was quite a move for Nissan and one which several other manufacturers quickly followed. It led the way in the crossover segment creating the SUV Qashqai when the Japanese marque wanted to replace the Almera, its popular family hatchback. There were plenty of smallish 4x4s but with that came the added expense of getting that ability when the majority of buyers would rarely, if ever, need it. But at the same time families wanted something with a little more road presence than a hatch and also a feeling of safety created by a higher-riding, rugged looking car. And so came the Qashqai.

Now it could have been a bit of a disaster, producing a car from such a concept. But engineers at Nissan hit on success with their first ever attempt a decade ago and have not looked back since.

It is Nissan's most successful vehicle to date with over one million sales since launch and was the first model to be styled by Nissan Design Europe in London, with engineering development led by Nissan Technical Centre Europe (NTCE) in Cranfield, Bedfordshire. And built at the super efficient Nissan plant in Sunderland. Continued production in the UK was in doubt after Brexit but the company has now committed to the Sunderland plant for the next generation due late next year or early 2018, along with the X-Trail. All excellent for British car manufacturing.

State-of-the-art technology inside

And so to the car. First things first, handling may not be the sharpest but it does the job very well along with low noise levels both from wind and tyre rumble (especially on motorways) and good ride comfort. And the six-speed manual box is slick and responsive. Build quality is good and it is spacious enough for three passengers in the rear although headroom for those who break six foot many feel a little tight.

Technology is advanced with state-of-the-art features including a safety shield which provides eight different safety systems with around view monitor, blind spot warning, moving object detection and driver attention alert.

The around view monitor has four cameras that give you a 360-degree bird's-eye view around your Nissan Qashqai. Selectable split-screen close-ups of the front, rear, and side views help you avoid annoying parking bumps and scrapes.

NissanConnect apps (where would we be without them now!) give you easy access to your preferred social media and much more. Voice recognition means you can keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel. On top of that Nissan's Advanced Drive-Assist displays important turn-by-turn navigation to helpful driving aids, to audio track info, right in your eyeline enabling you to focus better on the road ahead.

There's a choice of four trim levels and two petrol and two diesel options. I tried out the DIG-T 163 Tekna manual. This produces 163 bhp and returns (officially, although I did quite close to the figures) 47.1 mpg in a combined cycle.

Short and long journeys were comfortable with supportive seats and for the driver extra scope to get a good driving position with the electrically adjustable seat partnered with manual lumbar support – a feature I am particularly keen to have to prevent that lower back pain you often get after lengthier journeys.

It's a stylish looking car, well equipped for the price tag with a high level of finish inside and out. I'm looking forward to experiencing the new generation.

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Aston Martin launches latest Vanquish, 6.0 S

The new Vanquish S is one to watch on the road

Aston Martin's new Vanquish S has been launched and continues the progress of this illustrious model to keep it one to watch on the nation's roads. Both inside and out the looks and performance have been enhanced to make this driver's car a car to carry on driving.

The power of naturally-aspirated 6.0 litre V12 engine has been increased from 573 to 600PS thanks to a revised, freer-breathing intake system with larger volume inlet manifolds. The greater volume of air to flow into the engine at high revs creates a power delivery that powers the car all the way to the limits.

The suspension has be set-up to give a greater stability and precision to the drive. The damper internals, spring rates and anti-roll bar bushes have also been re-tuned to give the Vanquish S a keener edge in the more sporting suspension modes.

The exterior features a new aerodynamic package of exposed carbon fibre splitter and diffuser, plus striking new quad exhaust outlets that makes the looks of the Vanquish S flatteringly distinctive. The revised front splitter and rear diffuser work together to give a significant reduction in frontal lift with a minimal penalty in additional drag. The striking new quad exhaust outlets enhances the rear of the car. The look can be personalised with a range of new options including carbon fibre bonnet louvres, new forged 5-spoke diamond turned wheels and a choice of striking painted graphics packs.

Dr. Andy Palmer, Aston Martin President & CEO said: "From the moment the original Vanquish was launched it became a modern icon. It propelled Aston Martin from an era of hand-built cars to one where craftsmanship and technology combined to create a new kind of great British GT. In its second generation the Vanquish maintained that momentum with huge engineering advances such as its all-carbon fibre bodywork and compelling, contemporary styling.

"Now, the Vanquish S takes things a step further, confidently asserting itself within the Aston Martin range and distinguishing itself from the new DB11."

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Striking modern looks and instantly recognisable as a Ford Mustang

Mustang a car you want to be seen to be driving

By Graham Breeze

FORD MUSTANG 5.0 V8 GT, £35,745

It's easy to see why the Ford Mustang GT has quickly become the UK's most popular high-performance sports coupe.

With stunning looks and a five-litre V8 engine under the bonnet this Ford was always going to take the sports coupe sector by storm despite the best efforts of Jaguar, BMW, Porche, Audi and the small band of other competitors.

Mustang arrived to great acclaim just over a year ago in Europe creating another page in the exciting Ford performance story, which continues with the success of ST, Fiesta ST200, Focus RS and GT.

There was no looking back after 6,500 enthusiasts applied to buy the all-new Ford GT in the first month – with over 500 of them from the UK. And the sales success continues at pace.

The Mustang is just the lift the company needed and despite striking modern looks it is instantly recognisable and as big a head-turner that you will in this price range.

Because the 5.0 V8 GT Fastback on test was priced competitively at £35,745, though extras such as premium paint, a custom pack including premium audio system with navigation, climate controlled seats, reverse parking sensors and 19inch multi-spoke alloys took the price up to £38,135. But it's still the cheapest 5-litre sports car available.

The downsides of running a car like this are running costs of course. Because the five-litre unit produces 299 g/km of emissions and at best you'll be likely to ever average 20mpg, which with fuel costs at the pump rising at frightening levels is not good.

Handling

But the upside is a top speed of 155mph and 0-62 in just 4.8 seconds through a manual box, along with the feeling that you are behind the wheel of a much more expensive supercar. Automatic versions are £1,500 dearer.

And you have to hand it to the engineers at Ford who have come up with a chassis delivering superb handling, a comfortable ride, genuine space for two rear seat passengers and a boot that would easily house the golf clubs.

The Mustang stands out in any crowd with clear branding on boot and front grille and thanks to fully independent suspension, a souped up braking system and selectable driving modes, really does give a safe feeling to driver and passengers.

You get a lot for your money too. Power folding door mirrors, 8" touchscreen controls, a nine speaker surround system, DAB, Bluetooth, Ford emergency assistance, automatic dipping headlights, rain-sensing wipers, reach and rake adjustable steering, power controlled front seats, a rear view camera and automatic temperature control are all standard items.

If anything will disappoint you about the first right hand drive Mustang it's probably the quality inside the cabin. Ford needed to target the model competitively and it's noticeable that the savings were made here – though it's certainly not enough to be a game changer situation, just a bit too much plastic perhaps.

Like every new Ford, the Mustang comes with a three-year, 60,000-mile warranty, which is backed up by one-year's breakdown assistance

This Mustang is likely to keep Ford at the head of the sector sales despite high running and insurance costs – it's a car you just want to be seen driving.

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62 TRANSIT CONNECT T200, WHITE, SIDE DOOR, ONE OWNER 41K £5,395
12 VAUXHALL ASTRA CLUB ECOFLEX, WHITE, SERVICE HISTORY 75K £4,295
60 PEUGEOT PARTNER HDI, WHITE, SERVICE HISTORY, ONE OWNDER 65K £4,195
11 PEUGEOT BIPPER Hdi PROFESSIONAL, SIDE DOOR, WHITE, CENTRAL LOCKING, AIR CONDITIONING, SERVICE HISTORY, 57K £3,995
61 VAUXHALL ASTRA VAN CLUB ECOFLEX 1.7 CDTI, WHITE, 6 SPEED, SERVICE HISTORY 78K £3,995
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Evo-Stik League Div 1 S

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shaw Ln AFC	17	12	4	1	41	11	40
N'castle Twn	19	12	1	6	32	23	37
Spalding Utd	19	10	4	5	36	23	34
Witton Albion	14	10	2	2	35	12	32
Sheffield	22	9	4	9	37	31	31
Chasetwn	19	9	4	6	33	28	31
Rushden & D	16	8	6	2	30	19	30
Basford Utd	21	9	6	6	31	32	30
Belper Twn	19	7	6	6	23	20	27
Leek Twn	18	7	6	5	26	29	27
Romulus	19	7	4	8	22	30	25
S'bridge PS	17	7	3	7	24	26	24
Bedworth Utd	18	7	3	8	30	35	24
Gresley	20	6	6	8	34	45	24
Lincoln Utd	14	6	4	4	22	18	22
Kidsgrove Ath	19	6	3	10	32	31	21
Stamford	15	6	3	6	25	24	21
Northwich Vic	20	5	6	9	32	35	21
Mkt D'ton Twn	20	6	2	12	25	40	20
Carlton Twn	20	3	6	11	22	32	15
L'boro Dyn	21	4	2	15	17	47	14
Rugby Twn	19	3	3	13	16	34	12

Hallmark Security Lge

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Whitchurch A	22	15	2	5	51	24	47
City Liverpool	23	14	4	5	54	28	46
Charnock R	18	13	2	3	50	25	41
L'Ind REMYCA	21	12	5	4	55	37	41
Alsager Twn	20	12	4	4	46	26	40
Oswestry Twn	21	11	4	6	42	33	37
Sandbach Utd	19	11	3	5	42	26	36
Widnes	19	10	4	5	44	35	34
Daisy Hill	20	9	3	8	43	47	30
Prestwich H	17	9	2	6	41	24	29
St Helens Twn	20	8	5	7	47	43	29
Carlisle City	20	8	3	9	40	44	27
Stockport Twn	19	8	2	9	52	49	26
Holker OB	19	7	3	9	31	35	24
Cheadle Twn	21	6	5	10	41	52	23
Silsden	18	7	1	10	44	40	22
Chadderton	17	6	4	7	37	39	22
Bacup Boro	20	6	4	10	24	36	22
Atherton LR	21	4	3	14	27	53	15
Blackpool	22	3	5	14	25	53	14
Eccleshall	20	2	3	15	28	71	9
Ashton Twn	19	1	1	17	17	61	4

Midland Football Prem

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Alvechurch	22	14	5	3	51	17	47
Lye Twn	20	13	6	1	43	15	45
Westfields	16	12	2	2	45	18	38
Coleshill Twn	19	11	3	5	45	27	36
Heanor Twn	19	9	5	5	34	31	32
Sptg Khalsa	18	9	4	5	39	24	31
Coventry Utd	20	9	4	7	30	23	31
St Andrews	20	10	1	9	39	36	31
Shepshed Dyn	17	8	3	6	33	29	27
Cov Sphinx	20	7	6	7	37	40	27
Quorn	19	8	3	8	26	32	27
Walsall Wood	20	8	2	10	29	34	26
Rocester	19	7	4	8	37	42	25
AFC Wulfs	19	7	3	9	22	35	24
L'boro Unity	19	6	5	8	34	32	23
Lng Eaton Utd	17	6	4	7	29	33	22
Highgate Utd	18	6	3	9	31	41	21
Shawbury Utd	22	6	1	15	38	59	19
S'port Swifts	19	4	6	9	24	34	18
Boldmere	18	3	6	9	23	29	15
Tividale	19	4	2	13	24	47	14
Brocton	18	2	2	14	17	52	8

West Midlands Lge

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Haughmond	20	17	1	2	72	20	52
W'Ton Spt Com	21	15	5	1	67	18	50
Malvern Twn	20	12	3	5	67	27	39
Ellesmere Rgrs	20	12	2	6	53	36	38
W'Ton Casuals	18	12	0	6	54	33	36
Wellington	21	11	3	7	52	38	36
BC Rgrs	22	10	5	7	50	38	35
Bewdley Twn	19	10	4	5	52	39	34
Shifnal Twn	20	9	5	6	46	37	32
Cradley Twn	21	9	4	8	41	31	31
Smethwick	24	10	1	13	35	57	31
Pegasus Jnrs	20	10	0	10	40	37	30
Willenhall Twn	25	9	2	14	46	68	29
Stone OA	23	7	7	9	33	39	28
Bilston Tn Com	21	7	4	10	37	52	25
Dudley Twn	23	7	3	13	36	54	24
Bridgnorth	23	7	3	13	39	60	24
Wellington Ams	23	6	2	15	38	80	20
Dudley Sports	19	3	2	14	25	54	11
Gornal Ath	19	0	0	19	8	73	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hereford LC	17	16	0	1	77	18	48
Newport Twn	19	12	4	3	66	35	40
Wednesfield	17	11	2	4	64	29	35
Tipton Twn	15	9	3	3	32	23	30
Darlaston Twn	15	8	4	3	37	23	28
Worcs Raiders	12	8	3	1	37	19	27
Old Wulfs	16	8	3	5	42	34	27
Wyrley	18	7	4	7	26	40	25
Bustleholme	16	5	1	10	34	51	16
Wrens Nest	13	4	2	7	20	33	14
Bromyard Twn	17	4	2	11	28	46	14
Wem Twn	18	3	4	11	32	54	13
FC Stafford	13	4	1	8	35	50	10
St Martins	16	3	1	12	27	61	10
Team Dudley	15	2	3	10	22	42	9
Kington Twn	15	2	3	10	24	45	9

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Brom Utd	16	9	3	4	39	17	30
Allscott	15	9	4	2	40	22	28
Telford Juniors	15	8	3	4	45	28	27
AFC Broseley	13	7	2	4	26	26	23
Malvern Tn Res	16	7	2	7	31	39	23
Warstone Wdrs	13	6	3	4	31	26	21
Gornal Colts	13	6	2	5	27	22	20
Wonder Vaults	13	6	2	5	24	28	20
Tipton Yth AFC	15	5	4	6	33	33	19
W'Ton Utd	14	6	0	8	31	41	18
Sikh Hunters	14	4	4	6	34	43	16
Emerald Ath	9	1	5	3	14	19	8
Bewdley Res	14	2	2	10	25	40	8
Azaad Sports	12	1	2	9	19	35	5

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The New Saints	16	16	0	0	60	9	48
Gap Connah's Q	17	9	6	2	24	12	33
Bala	17	8	6	3	28	22	30
Bangor City	17	8	3	6	26	27	27
Cardiff Met Unity	17	7	3	7	23	12	24
Carmarthen AFC	17	5	5	7	22	27	20
Llandudno	17	4	7	6	12	22	19
Rhyl	16	5	2	9	20	38	17
Cefn Druids	16	3	7	6	23	30	16
Aberystwyth	16	5	1	10	19	33	16
Newtown	17	3	5	9	18	24	14
Airbus UK B'ton	17	3	3	11	20	39	12

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prestatyn	14	12	2	0	51	13	38
Caernarfon	14	10	2	2	42	23	32
Guilsfield	14	8	3	3	30	17	27
Flint Utd	14	8	2	4	34	19	26
Caersws	15	8	2	5	35	29	26
Gresford Ath	14	8	0	6	32	21	24
Holywell	13	7	3	3	21	10	24
Porthmadog	14	7	2	5	29	22	23
Llanfair Utd	13	5	2	6	16	27	17
Denbigh	15	3	5	7	22	32	14
Buckley	14	4	2	8	23	37	14
Mold Alex	14	4	2	8	23	56	14
Conwy Borough	14	4	1	9	27	40	13
Penrhyncoch	14	3	3	8	21	27	12
Holyhead H	14	2	4	8	23	28	10
Ruthin	14	1	1	12	12	40	4

Spar Mid Wales League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Berriew	17	12	3	2	62	23	39
Rhayader	16	12	3	1	35	10	39
Carno	15	10	3	2	39	19	33
Bow Street	15	8	2	5	30	22	26
Aberaeron	16	7	4	5	30	24	25
Llanrhaeadr	12	7	2	3	32	18	23
Hay St Mary's	15	6	4	5	30	27	22
Knighton	15	6	4	5	21	25	22
Llanidloes	14	6	3	5	24	24	21
Machynlleth	15	5	2	8	21	34	17
Ll'dod Wells	13	4	3	6	22	31	15
Radnor Valley	15	3	5	7	25	32	14
Tywyn/Bryncrug	14	3	1	10	26	45	10
Welshpool	15	1	1	13	9	41	4
Montgomery	15	1	0	14	10	41	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Borth Utd	13	10	2	1	36	14	32
Kerry	13	9	2	2	32	15	29
Dolgellau	14	7	3	4	30	27	24
Ll'ffraid Village	15	6	3	6	27	24	21
Builth Wells	14	6	3	5	34	35	21
Abermule	14	5	5	4	34	23	20
Churchstoke	11	5	2	4	34	27	17
Aberystwyth Uni	12	5	2	5	24	22	17
N'bridge-on-Wye	12	5	2	5	33	35	17
Dyffryn Banw	13	4	1	8	15	25	13
Presteigne	15	3	4	8	25	43	13
Four Crosses	13	3	3	7	13	19	12
Penybont	13	0	4	9	14	42	4

Sportsjam Regional Lge

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gobowen Celtic	15	8	2	5	50	44	26
Church Stretton	12	7	3	2	32	21	24
Oakengates Ath	11	7	2	2	31	14	23
Childs Ercall	14	7	1	6	37	25	22
Madeley Spts	12	6	4	2	27	16	22
Rock Rvrs	13	6	3	4	38	31	21
Clee Hill Utd	13	6	1	6	30	33	19
Prees	15	5	2	8	41	46	17
Shifnal Utd 97	13	4	2	7	28	41	14
FC Hodnet	13	3	4	6	23	34	13
Bridgnorth Res.	13	3	1	9	19	38	10
W'dine Wood	12	2	3	7	25	38	9

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
O'gates Rgrs	15	12	1	2	71	28	37
Shrewsbury Jun	13	11	0	2	84	22	33
St Georges Utd.	15	10	3	2	47	22	33
Newport Res	14	9	1	4	49	15	28
Stoke Heath	13	8	3	2	82	31	27
Oswestry Res	14	8	3	3	48	40	27
Craven Arms	15	7	4	4	50	31	25
Brown Clee	15	8	1	6	52	34	25
Madeley Spt Res	15	8	1	6	43	35	25
Coven Utd	14	7	2	5	50	37	23
St Martins Village	11	5	2	4	40	27	17
Riverside	14	5	2	7	37	29	17
W'church A Jnrs	14	3	4	7	40	46	13
Albrighton	14	3	3	8	36	53	12
AFC Broseley	17	1	0	16	20	78	3
AFC Shifnal	16	1	0	15	32	109	3
Denso	15	1	0	14	17	161	3

Under 21

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Well'ton Ams	10	6	1	3	41	22	19
AFC Bridgnorth	9	5	2	2	22	13	17
W'dine Wood	8	5	1	2	23	14	16
Market Drayton	5	3	0	2	12	7	9
FC Oswestry	9	3	0	6	17	24	9
W'church A Jnrs	7	0	0	7	3	38	0

J T Hughes Montgomeryshire Amateur League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llanfyllin	10	6	1	3	37	17	19
Meifod	8	5	2	1	18	10	17
Waterloo Rvrs	7	4	2	1	21	12	14
Berriew Res	8	4	2	2	19	16	14
Caersws Res	8	3	3	2	20	14	12
Morda Utd	9	3	2	4	14	15	11
Llanfair Res	12	3	2	7	18	32	11
Guilsfield Res	7	3	1	3	12	13	10
Llanymynech	7	2	1	4	11	21	7
Llanrhaeadr Res	10	1	2	7	15	35	5

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Carno Res	12	8	2	2	38	21	26
Trewern Utd	10	8	0	2	59	15	24
Maesyrhandir	11	8	0	3	34	27	24
Newtown Wdrs	9	6	1	2	25	16	19
Kerry Res	11	6	1	4	37	31	19
Bishops Castle	4	4	0	0	19	3	12
Llangedwyn	7	4	0	3	21	15	12
Abermule Res	10	2	3	5	22	29	9
Welshpool Res	10	1	3	6	17	39	6
Waterloo Res	10	1	2	7	15	39	5
Llanfechain	10	1	1	8	17	49	4
** Trefonen	9	1	1	7	16	36	1

** 3pts deducted

Greenhous Shrewsbury Sunday League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Athletico Market	9	7	0	2	39	25	21
Instones Utd	9	6	1	2	28	14	19
Cruckton Rvrs	5	5	0	0	25	4	15
Pontesbury	7	4	0	3	29	16	12
Loppington	8	4	0	4	21	23	12
Rock Rvrs Youth	7	3	0	4	19	17	9
Kinnerley	7	2	0	5	17	26	6
The Gates	7	1	1	5	10	23	4
Coton Rovers	9	1	0	8	11	51	3

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Radbrook	7	4	1	2	23	16	13
Beacon	7	4	1	2	14	13	13
Telegraph	7	4	0	3	20	15	12
Norbury	8	3	1	4	22	14	10
Red Barne	7	3	1	3	14	13	10
Compasses	5	2	2	1	11	9	8
Anchor Inn	5	0	0	5	7	31	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Unison	9	6	0	3	43	22	18
S.A.H.A. Youth	8	5	1	2	28	18	16
Snailbeach	6	4	0	2	28	18	12
Boars Head	7	3	1	3	15	15	10
Crown Coleham	6	3	0	3	12	13	9
Minsterley Rgrs	7	3	0	4	16	29	9
White Lion	6	2	1	3	18	21	7
D'stone Heath	9	1	1	7	15	39	4

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bomere Heath	8	7	1	0	50	11	19 *
Harlescott Rgrs	9	5	2	2	36	14	17
Onslow	10	5	0	5	45	35	15
Dun Cow	9	4	3	2	40	30	15
Brockton Rvrs	9	4	0	5	35	35	12
Bull In The Barne	9	4	0	5	27	32	12
Charles Darwin	10	3	1	6	22	38	10
Harlescott SC	9	3	1	5	19	37	10
Coracle Utd	9	2	0	7	20	62	6

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hth Farm Rgrs	9	6	1	2	35	14	19
Crown A F'gate	10	6	1	3	27	23	19
Beeches	9	6	0	3	22	17	18
Unicorn	9	5	0	4	27	19	15
Dorrington	7	4	2	1	22	13	14
Wheatsheaf	7	4	0	3	19	11	12
Three Fishes	8	4	0	4	20	21	12
Old PO Wem	9	3	2	4	19	17	11
Dolphin Afc	10	2	1	7	22	40	7
Dun Cow Youth	10	0	1	9	14	52	1

Market Drayton under-nines finished the first part of the season with a cracker by beating Shrewsbury Up & Comers Falcons 18-0 at Greenfields. Goals from Jamie Sheldon-Bourne (5), Will Furnival (4), Owen Plant (3), Warren Sylvester (2), Harry Pendlebury, Jack Edwards and a further two from player of the week Zak Bradley. The boys have had a great first half of the season having played 10 games, winning eight, drawing one and losing one. Over the winter they will now move indoors to take part in the winter futsal fixtures ■ Pictured: Tigers captain Owen Plant with Jamie Sheldon-Bourne, Ryan Howell and Harry Pendlebury on the attack.

Telford Sunday Football League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Randlay Utd	10	10	0	0	77	7	30
Dawley Wdr Vets	11	7	0	4	43	30	21
Dawley Socl Club	11	7	0	4	43	39	21
Honeysuckle	9	6	1	2	40	25	19
Barley	8	6	0	2	30	17	18
Shifnal Nth End	8	5	1	2	26	17	16
Riverside	12	4	3	5	28	35	15
Lord Hill M D'ton	11	3	0	8	21	56	9
Travellers Joy	9	2	0	7	17	29	6
Captain Webb	7	2	0	5	17	33	6
Celtic Spartans	10	1	1	8	14	38	4
Bulls Hd DBV	8	1	0	7	15	45	3

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ironbrige Town	9	9	0	0	50	4	27
Whitehorse Ath	9	6	3	0	45	15	21
Wrekin	10	6	1	3	44	10	19
Church Wickets	11	6	1	4	34	13	19
Joiners Arms	8	5	1	2	26	11	16
St Georges	10	5	0	5	20	29	15
Cosford Utd	8	4	2	2	38	20	14
The Falcon	10	3	1	6	23	29	10
W'dine Wd Jnrs	11	1	2	8	21	42	5
Telford Rgrs.	11	1	2	8	12	42	5
Britannia	11	1	1	9	18	116	4

Midland Men's Hockey League

1st Team League

Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rugby & E War	10	9	0	1	44	21	27
Edgbaston	10	7	1	2	32	21	22
Sutton Coldfield	10	7	0	3	38	23	21
Barton	10	6	2	2	51	31	20
Warwick	10	5	2	3	27	17	17
Warwick Uni	10	5	0	5	29	40	15
Stone	10	4	1	5	36	33	13
Old Halesonians	10	4	1	5	16	24	13
Bridgnorth	10	3	0	7	25	32	9
Burton	10	3	1	6	19	34	9*
Sikh U (Notts)	10	2	0	8	23	43	6
N'pton Saints	10	1	0	9	26	47	3

Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chesterfield	10	8	1	1	50	19	25
Hampton-in-Arde	10	7	3	0	45	29	24
Boots	10	6	3	1	66	26	21
Stratford	10	6	3	1	36	14	21
Telford & Wrekin	10	7	0	3	42	33	21
Streetly	10	3	2	5	34	43	11
Old Silhillians	10	3	1	6	22	45	10
Finchfield	10	2	3	5	28	45	9
Cov & N War	10	2	2	6	24	38	8
Shrewsbury	10	2	1	7	24	39	7
Leicester	10	1	3	6	19	37	6
Coalville	10	1	2	7	20	42	5

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bloxwich	9	7	1	1	29	11	22
Stafford	9	7	1	1	28	11	22
Bromsgrove	9	7	0	2	36	16	21
Market Drayton	9	6	1	2	37	18	19
Sikh U (Cov'try)	9	6	1	2	33	21	19
Aldridge & W'sall	9	4	1	4	28	24	13
Solihull B'field	9	4	1	4	19	17	13
Ludlow	10	3	0	7	24	35	9
Kings H Pickwick	9	1	1	7	13	32	4
Wednesbury	9	1	1	7	14	40	4
Leamington	9	0	0	9	12	48	0

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Redditch	9	8	0	1	39	8	24
West Bromwich	9	8	0	1	45	16	24
Wolverhampton	9	7	0	2	28	8	21
Old Wulfrunians	9	6	0	3	35	15	18
Pershore	9	6	0	3	36	21	18
Droitwich Spa	9	4	0	5	20	26	12
Yardley	9	2	0	7	14	33	6
Newtown	9	2	0	7	11	41	3
E'sham & B'sey	9	1	0	8	9	37	0
Barlaston	9	1	0	8	7	39	0

Midland Women's Hockey League

Midlands Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
North Notts I	9	7	0	2	27	11	21
L'borough Stu II	9	6	1	2	26	16	19
Edgbaston 1st XI	9	6	0	3	22	11	18
Leek 1st XI	8	5	1	2	21	13	16
Shrewsbury I	9	4	3	2	22	16	15
Stourport 2nd XI	9	3	1	5	18	16	10
Matlock Baileans I	9	2	3	4	15	18	9
Towcester I	8	2	1	5	9	21	7
Olton & W War II	9	2	1	6	20	41	7
Cannock II	9	1	1	7	12	29	4

Midlands Feeder West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rug & E War 1st	9	8	0	1	28	5	24
Lichfield 2nd XI	9	6	1	2	26	11	19
Telford & Wrek I	9	6	1	2	24	15	19
Harborne 2nd XI	9	6	0	3	34	16	18
Nuneaton 1st XI	9	5	1	3	21	19	16
B'grove 1st XI	9	3	1	5	14	23	10
Stratford I	8	2	2	4	16	17	8
Uttoxeter 1st XI	9	2	1	6	18	33	7
Bloxwich 1st XI	8	1	1	6	8	22	4
Bridgnorth 1st XI	9	1	0	8	14	42	3

Shropshire Ladies Hockey League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wem/MD I	9	7	2	0	45	6	23
Shrewsbury II	9	7	1	1	38	7	22
Bridgnorth II	8	4	3	1	15	6	15
Montgomery	8	3	1	4	7	13	10
Shrewsbury III	9	3	0	6	7	31	9
Wem/MD II	9	2	0	7	7	38	6
Telford & Wrek II	8	0	1	7	2	20	1

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Domino League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
C Foxes G'wen	12	7	3	2	46	26	17
T W L Oswestry	12	8	1	3	41	31	17
Penybont Inn	12	6	4	2	39	33	16
Y O V Oswestry	12	6	2	4	46	26	14
H'shoe Llan'wel	12	6	2	4	40	32	14
B L Oswestry A	11	5	4	2	37	29	14
Station L'ffraid	12	5	3	4	37	35	13
B'ford A Knock	11	4	4	3	33	33	12
Lion L'ffraid	12	4	3	5	37	35	11
B L Oswestry B	12	5	0	7	34	38	10
B H Maesbrook	12	4	2	6	32	40	10
Oak Oswestry	11	2	4	5	29	37	8
Bell Oswestry	11	2	3	6	28	38	7
W'stay Llansilin	12	0	1	11	13	59	1

Results

Horseshoe 2 Top White Lion 4; Wynnstay 0 Ye Olde Vaults 6; Bell 2 Black Lion B 4; Lion Llansantffraid 2 Cross Foxes 4; Black Lion A 3 Bradford Arms 3; Station 4 Penybont Inn 2; Oak 1 Black Horse 5

English Rugby Clubs

National League 3 Midlands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sheffield	12	10	0	2	332	173	48
Nuneaton	12	9	1	2	339	194	45
Broadstreet	12	7	0	5	321	211	36
B'ham & Solihull	12	8	1	3	224	201	35
Derby	12	6	0	6	315	285	33
Longton	12	6	0	6	336	357	32
Sandbach	12	6	0	6	300	289	31
Towcestrians	12	5	1	6	271	255	31
Old Halesonians	12	6	0	6	260	250	29
P'borough Lns	12	5	1	6	244	281	28
Lichfield	12	4	1	7	248	396	25
Bridgnorth	12	4	0	8	261	262	23
Bedford Athletic	12	2	0	10	254	344	16
Syston	12	3	1	8	162	369	14

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport	12	10	1	1	397	250	50
Bournville	12	9	0	3	436	333	45
Burton	12	8	1	3	391	215	44
Stratford U Avn	12	6	0	6	311	260	35
Wolverhampton	12	7	0	5	217	241	31
Dudley Kings	12	6	0	6	314	250	30
Stoke on Trent	12	5	1	6	262	268	29
Whitchurch	12	6	0	6	234	237	28
Moseley Oak	12	5	0	7	306	368	28
Hereford	12	5	1	6	217	265	26
Worcester	12	5	1	6	237	270	25
Sutton Coldfield	12	4	0	8	202	286	22
Crewe & N'wich	12	3	1	8	285	347	21
Kenilworth	12	2	0	10	192	411	11

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S'bridge Lions	9	8	1	0	344	145	42
Camp Hill	9	7	0	2	335	160	37
Walsall	9	7	1	1	245	111	35
Leek	9	6	0	3	377	161	32
Kidderminster	9	5	0	4	248	181	25
Tamworth	9	5	0	4	185	210	22
Stafford	9	4	0	5	171	203	20
Veseyans	9	4	0	5	135	222	19
Old Saltleians	9	3	0	6	117	236	14
N'castle, Staffs	9	2	0	7	122	304	11
Old Yardleians	9	1	0	8	142	294	9
Shrewsbury	9	1	0	8	94	288	6

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ludlow	9	8	0	1	427	145	41
Burntwood	9	8	0	1	349	152	39
Cleobury M	9	8	0	1	344	164	39
Handsworth	9	6	0	3	274	216	31
Telford Hornets	9	6	0	3	131	183	24
Cannock	9	4	0	5	201	235	20
Uttoxeter	9	3	0	6	218	235	16
Edwardians	9	4	0	5	208	258	15
Willenhall	9	2	0	7	185	316	13
Harborne	9	3	0	6	208	296	10
Clee Hill	9	1	0	8	132	277	8
Eccleshall	9	1	0	8	149	349	8

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Trentham	9	8	0	1	400	89	41
Barton-U-N'wd	9	7	0	2	199	104	33
Rugeley	9	7	0	2	173	153	33
Bloxwich	8	6	0	2	140	105	27
Five Ways OE	9	5	0	4	148	119	22
Aston OE	9	4	0	5	146	190	20
Wednesbury	9	4	0	5	156	171	18
Essington	9	3	0	6	140	170	17
Yardley & Dist	8	3	0	5	121	178	15
Bishops Castle	9	3	0	6	103	197	15
St Leonards	9	2	0	7	132	175	13
Church Stretton	9	1	0	8	66	273	6

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Market Drayton	5	5	0	0	163	43	24
Tenbury	6	3	0	3	155	110	17
Greyhound	5	3	0	2	204	99	16
Chaddesley C	5	3	0	2	98	112	13
Aldridge	5	2	0	3	125	114	11
Stourport	5	1	0	4	60	203	5
Warley	5	1	0	4	58	182	4

South Lancs/Cheshire

Divison 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Douglas IOM	12	11	0	1	444	209	51
Liverpool St H	12	8	0	4	388	258	43
Manchester	12	8	1	3	410	248	42
Broughton Park	13	8	0	5	491	242	42
Bowdon	12	8	0	4	429	259	42
Glossop	11	8	0	3	288	147	39
Widnes	13	7	0	6	354	276	38
New Brighton	13	8	0	5	305	347	35
Southport	10	6	0	4	246	238	29
Sefton	13	6	0	7	283	294	28
Manchester M.	12	2	1	9	219	365	15
Anselmians	12	2	0	10	243	491	10
Wigan	12	1	0	11	118	470	7
Oswestry	11	0	0	11	115	489	-4

Corvedale Domino League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Nomads	10	5	2	3	46	34	13
Outsiders	10	4	1	5	43	37	13
Burway B	10	4	2	4	43	37	12
THSA	10	5	3	2	41	39	12
Tally Ho	10	5	4	1	43	37	11
Burway A	10	5	4	1	42	38	11
Grn Dragon	10	4	3	3	41	39	11
Bantams	10	4	4	2	42	38	10
Seven Stars	10	3	4	3	39	41	9
Sun	10	3	5	2	36	44	8
Swan	10	2	6	2	33	47	6
Insiders	10	0	6	4	31	49	4

Results: Tally Ho 4 Nomads 4; Seven Stars 4 Green Dragon 4; Insiders 4 Outsiders 4; Burway A 4 Burway B 4; Swan 1 Sun 7; Bantams 3 THSA 5.

Insight Building Solutions Newport Singles League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ben Longstaff	11	7	4	0	18	4	18
Colin Pink	11	8	1	2	17	5	17
Ant Heathcote	11	7	3	1	17	5	17
Mick Collins	11	7	2	2	16	6	16
Neil Dale	11	6	4	1	16	6	16
Anthony Allen	11	5	5	1	15	7	15
Paul Lucas	10	5	4	1	14	6	14
Mick Hughes	11	5	4	2	14	8	14
Andy Lewis	11	4	6	1	14	8	14
Ed Keenan	11	4	6	1	14	8	14
Greg Heathcote	11	4	5	2	13	9	13
Stu Morrey	11	4	3	4	11	11	11
Dean Smith	11	2	7	2	11	11	11
Jack Jones	11	2	7	2	11	11	11
Greg Quinn	11	4	2	5	10	12	10
Luke Jones	11	3	4	4	10	12	10
Johnny Holland	10	2	6	2	10	10	10
Phil Prinold	11	2	5	4	9	13	9

Results

Andy Lewis 2 Dean Smith 0; Anthony Allen 2 Greg Quinn 0; Antony Winfield 0 Greg Heathcote 2; Ben Longstaff 2 Martin Porter 0; Jack Jones 1 Ed Keenan 1; Mick Hughes 1 Colin Pink 1; Mike Jones 0 Adam Stone 2; Neil Dale 2 Billy Holland 0; Phil Prinold 1 Charlie Hayward 1; Ryan Langford 0 Ant Heathcote 2; Scott Smith 0 Mick Collins 2; Stu Morrey 0 Luke Jones 2

Pontesbury Indoor Cricket League

	P	W	L	P
Grasshoppers	4	4	0	40
Alberbury A	4	3	1	31
Condover	3	3	0	25
Montgomery	4	2	2	23
Acton Reynald	3	2	1	20
Alberbury B	4	1	3	16
Calypsos	3	0	3	7
Beacon	2	0	2	3
Church Stretton	3	0	3	3

Shrewsbury & District Snooker League

Bright Motors League One

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Unison D	10	7	3	36	14	36
Stanton A	10	8	2	34	16	35
Harlescott A	9	6	3	31	14	33
Wem USC A	9	7	2	28	17	28
Harlescott B	10	5	5	26	24	26
Unison A	10	6	4	24	26	24
Beaconsfield A	9	5	4	24	21	24
Meole Brace F	10	4	6	20	30	24
Meole Brace A	9	3	6	23	22	23
Preston Brockhurst	9	3	6	19	26	19
Harlescott D	9	3	6	17	28	18
Unison B	10	2	8	14	36	14
Bagley B	10	2	8	11	39	11

A B F Carpets Division Two

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Wem USC C	10	9	1	38	12	38
Bagley C	11	9	2	37	18	37
Unison F	10	6	4	34	16	35
Old Shrewsbury A	10	7	3	31	19	31
Meole Brace D	10	7	3	31	19	31
Meole G	10	5	5	29	21	29
Harlescott C	10	6	4	27	23	27
Beaconsfield C	10	5	5	25	25	25
Unison C	11	5	6	24	31	25
Bagley A	11	4	7	23	32	23
Unison E	11	4	7	21	34	21
Harlescott E	10	3	7	20	30	20
Meole Brace E	10	3	7	18	32	18
Wem USC B	9	3	6	15	30	15
Harlescott F	10	0	10	8	42	8

Arthur Hawkins Newport District Domino League

	P	W	T	P
Lion	11	9	50	68
Bowling Club A	11	8	44	60
Legion Aces	11	6	43	55
Legion Seamers	11	6	42	54
Childs Ercall Club	11	7	38	52
Wheatsheaf Bees	11	6	39	51
Three Horseshoes	11	5	35	45
Bowling Club B	11	3	32	38
Wheatsheaf Wasps	11	3	31	37
Legion Yorkers	11	2	31	35

Results

Legion Aces 5 Bowling Club B 2; Childs Ercall Club 4 Legion Yorkers 3; Bowling Club A 3 Legion Seamers 5; Lion 3 Wheatsheaf Bees 4; Wheatsheaf Wasps 5 Three Horseshoes2

Darwin Glass & Glazing Shrewsbury & District Darts League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
C/Darwin B	12	9	3	0	65	31	21
Rock C	12	8	4	0	75	21	20
Masonic A	12	8	4	0	62	34	20
Crown A/F A	12	7	3	2	61	35	17
Beacon A	12	6	2	4	49	47	14
Comp Dith FC	12	6	2	4	48	48	14
C/Darwin C	12	4	3	5	47	49	11
Telegraph B	12	4	3	5	42	54	11
C/Darwin A	12	3	4	5	43	53	10
Heathgates A	12	3	2	7	44	52	8
Eagles	12	3	2	7	36	60	8
Coach	12	1	3	8	38	58	5
W'sheaf F/WA	12	2	1	9	32	64	5
A/Duncan	12	2	0	10	30	66	4

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
BITB B	12	9	2	1	64	31	20
Grove	12	8	3	1	63	33	19
Comp Dith B	12	7	1	4	54	42	15
Rock B	12	6	2	4	47	49	14
Telegraph C	12	5	3	4	48	48	13
Beeches	12	5	2	5	50	46	12
Coracle A	12	5	2	5	47	49	12
Saddlers B (7S)	11	4	3	4	41	47	11
POW	11	4	2	5	44	44	10
Comp Dith A	11	3	3	5	40	48	9
Masonic B	12	3	3	6	43	53	9
AIHG	10	3	2	5	38	49	8
Onslow	12	1	4	7	38	58	6
Inn on Green A	12	2	1	9	38	58	5

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
X Foxes A	9	7	1	1	48	24	15
Red Lion B/Heath	8	7	0	1	42	22	14
Brooklands	9	4	2	3	37	35	10
Anchor F/Well	9	4	1	4	40	32	9
Red Barn	9	3	2	4	35	37	8
Comp Dith C	9	2	4	3	34	38	8
Woodman B	9	3	2	4	34	38	8
Abbey	9	3	1	5	31	41	7
Rock A	8	3	1	4	27	37	7
Woodman A	9	2	2	5	34	38	6
Crown A/F B	8	1	2	5	22	42	4

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
BVT A	11	8	2	1	62	26	18
Salopian Bar	11	6	4	1	52	36	16
New Inn	11	5	4	2	49	39	14
Hare & Hounds	11	4	5	2	48	40	13
Dog In Lane A	12	6	1	5	51	45	13
Heathgates B	11	5	3	3	47	41	13
Boars Head	11	5	2	4	45	43	12
Crown Scepter	11	5	2	4	44	44	12
Bagley	11	4	2	5	43	45	10
Coracle B	11	4	1	6	43	45	9
Crown A/F/ C	11	1	5	5	36	52	7
Comp B/Hill	11	1	4	6	35	53	6
HSC C	11	0	1	10	21	67	1

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Plough Ponts	12	9	2	1	64	32	20
Hop & Friar	12	8	4	0	62	34	20
Bell X Houses	12	8	2	2	63	33	18
Corbett Arms	12	7	2	3	53	43	16
BITB B	12	6	2	4	51	45	14
Comp Ladies	12	5	3	4	49	47	13
Heathgates 40S	12	5	2	5	47	49	12
HSC B	12	3	5	4	49	47	11
Dog In Lane B	12	4	2	6	45	51	10
Condover Club	12	4	1	7	45	51	9
AMF Darts	12	2	3	7	41	55	7
Telegraph A	12	3	0	9	36	60	6
HSC A	12	2	2	8	34	62	6
Cressage Club	12	2	2	8	33	63	6

Division 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Inn on Green B	11	8	3	0	54	34	19
Bird in Hand	10	8	1	1	52	28	17
Saddlers A	11	7	3	1	52	36	17
Telepost	11	5	2	4	44	43	12
Crwn C'ham A	11	3	5	3	44	44	11
H'shoes (DORR)	8	3	3	2	36	27	9
X Foxes B	10	2	5	3	41	39	9
THE Vaults C/F	10	3	3	4	39	41	9
BVT B	11	3	3	5	42	46	9
Masonic C	10	2	4	4	40	40	8
Dolphin	11	2	4	5	43	45	8
W'sheaf F/W B	9	2	2	5	35	37	6
Britannia	11	0	0	11	13	75	0

Duke of York Sunday Morning Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Lamb	24	19	5	72	48	38
Coalport B	23	17	6	68	47	34
Lion	23	14	9	64	51	28
Foresters	23	12	11	58	57	24
Station	23	12	11	56	59	24
Duke of York	23	11	12	58	57	22
Alex	23	7	16	50	65	14
Coalport A	22	6	16	51	59	12
Bell & Bails	22	5	17	38	72	10

Ludlow Tues League

	P	W	L	F	A
Castle	6	4	2	36	24
Drifters	5	3	2	32	18
Tavern	5	4	1	29	21
Blue Boar	5	3	2	26	24
Queens	5	3	2	26	24
Ludlow Club	6	1	5	25	35
Wheatsheaf	5	3	2	24	26
Bridge	6	2	4	22	38
Jockey	5	1	4	20	30

Telford Snooker League

Heath Hill Building & Roofing Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Maddocks A	9	8	1	33	12
Dawley C	9	7	2	31	14
Hadley B	9	7	2	31	14
Shifnal B	9	7	2	30	15
Dawley A	10	6	4	29	21
Eden G	9	4	5	19	26
Maddocks E	9	4	5	19	26
Eden A	8	3	5	15	25
Shifnal F	9	2	7	14	31
Bayley E	8	1	7	12	28
Bayley B	9	0	9	12	33

Roden Scaffold Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A
Maddocks C	10	6	4	33	17
Bayley D	10	7	3	31	19
Dawley B	10	7	3	31	19
Shifnal D	10	7	3	30	20
Eden Elite	10	6	4	30	20
Maddocks 2nd	10	6	4	30	20
Maddocks F	10	7	3	28	22
Anstice B (Dawley)	10	4	6	24	26
Allscott	10	4	6	19	31
Bayley Cue	10	4	6	18	32
Bayley Lads	10	2	8	17	33
Bayley Z	10	0	10	9	41

Clive & District Billiard

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Clive	9	5	1	3	22	14	22
Monty's	9	4	2	3	21	15	21
Stanton	9	3	3	3	19	17	19
Preston	9	3	5	1	16	20	16
Wem Cons	8	3	3	2	15	17	15
Hodnet	8	2	3	3	14	18	14
Harlescott	8	1	4	3	13	19	13

Shrewsbury & District Domino League

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Frankwell CC	11	6	5	0	54	34	17
Rock A	10	7	2	1	51	29	16
Telepost	11	6	3	2	51	37	15
Telegraph CB	11	5	4	2	49	39	14
Belle Vue Tavern	11	5	5	1	49	39	15
Horseshoes	11	4	4	3	44	44	12
Monkmoor/Belv	11	3	4	4	41	47	10
Boars Head	11	4	2	5	41	47	10
Brooklands A	11	4	3	4	44	44	11
Rock B	10	3	3	4	40	40	9
Compasses A	11	2	4	5	40	48	8
Corbett Uff A	11	4	1	6	37	51	9
Crown A	11	2	2	7	37	51	6
Reman/Compas	11	2	3	6	38	50	7
Unison	11	3	2	6	40	48	8
Cross Foxes B	11	2	3	6	40	48	7

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rock C	11	5	4	2	51	37	14
Plough	10	5	2	3	44	36	12
P'ce of Wales A	11	4	6	1	50	38	14
Monkmoor	11	5	2	4	45	43	12
Red Lion	11	5	2	4	42	46	12
Woodman B	11	6	3	2	47	41	15
Telegraph RO	11	5	2	4	48	40	12
Telegraph A	11	5	2	4	47	41	12
Harry Hotspur	11	4	4	3	45	43	12
Compasses B	10	3	2	5	37	43	8
Beeches A	10	3	3	4	38	42	9
Woodman A	9	4	2	3	36	36	10
Masonic B	10	2	3	5	37	43	7
Harlescott SC	11	2	3	6	39	49	7
elegraph B	11	2	3	6	36	52	7
Heathgates B	9	2	1	6	30	42	5

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Horseshoes A	10	9	0	1	56	24	18
Old Bell	10	7	2	1	48	32	16
Bull in Barn B	11	4	4	3	44	44	12
Bird	10	4	4	2	43	37	12
Cressage	11	5	2	4	45	43	12
Bagley	10	3	3	4	39	41	9
Masonic A	11	4	1	6	40	48	9
Corbett B	10	3	3	4	38	42	9
Admiral Duncan	10	4	3	3	39	41	11
Beeches B	10	4	2	4	42	38	10
Anchor HG	10	3	3	4	40	40	9
Compasses BH	10	3	3	4	40	40	9
Rock D	10	2	3	5	36	44	7
Bull in Barn A	10	2	3	5	38	42	7
Cross Foxes A	9	1	0	8	20	52	2

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wheatsheaf	9	6	0	3	39	33	12
Heathgates A	9	7	1	1	45	27	15
Red Lion	9	5	1	3	44	28	11
Brick Copthorne	9	4	3	2	39	33	11
Dolphin	8	4	2	2	36	28	10
Inn on the Green	8	4	1	3	32	32	9
Greenfields BC	9	4	2	3	40	32	10
Coach	8	4	1	3	37	27	9
Crown B	9	2	4	3	36	36	8
Prince B	8	2	2	4	27	37	6
Brooklands B	7	1	2	4	23	33	4
Three Fishes	8	1	2	5	23	41	4
Brittania	9	0	1	8	16	56	1

Robin Jones Shrewsbury Invitational Domino League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
BVT	13	10	2	1	64	49	21
Telegraph	13	7	1	5	60	44	19
Compasses	13	7	4	2	62	42	16
HSC	13	6	3	4	56	48	16
FCC	13	5	3	5	55	49	15
Dog & Pheasant	13	6	5	2	50	54	14
Telepost	13	5	4	4	52	52	14
Heathgates	13	5	5	3	49	55	13
Anchor	13	4	4	5	53	51	13
Rock & Fountain	13	4	5	4	56	48	12
Albion	13	4	5	4	51	53	12
POW	13	4	6	3	49	55	11
Postal	13	4	8	1	45	59	9
Cross Foxes	13	3	7	3	47	57	9
Masonic	13	2	6	5	46	58	9
Brooklands	13	2	10	1	37	67	5

Telford Singles & Doubles Domino League

	P	F	A	P
Maddocks	10	51	39	19
Horseshoes A	10	54	36	18
Rec Club	9	47	34	18
Albion	10	47	43	17
Talbot	10	43	47	16
Bulls Head A	9	45	36	15
White Hart	10	45	45	15
Bulls Head B	9	41	40	15
Railway A	10	43	47	13
Horseshoes B	9	42	39	13
Wendy House	10	38	52	12
Railway B	9	39	42	10
White Horse FR	10	35	55	10
Park Hotel	9	33	48	10

Market Drayton & District Billiards & Snooker League

Snooker Division 1

	P	W	D	L	P
Raven	8	7	1	0	26
Newport Literary B	8	6	2	0	25
Newport Legion A	8	4	2	2	19
Edgmond B	8	3	4	1	18
Hodnet B	8	3	1	4	16
Edgmond D	9	3	1	5	16
Newport Literary A	8	3	2	3	15
Con Club	8	3	1	4	15
Newport Literary C	8	3	1	4	15
Newport Legion B	8	0	3	5	8
Market Drayton Legion A	9	0	2	7	7

Snooker Division 2

	P	W	D	L	P
Market Drayton Legion D	9	5	4	0	24
Newport Literary D	7	5	2	1	21
Hodnet C	9	3	3	3	19
Calverhall	8	2	5	1	18
Edgmond C	8	2	4	2	16
Edgmond A	8	2	4	2	15
Hales	8	1	6	1	15
Hodnet D	8	2	3	3	14
Hodnet A	8	2	2	4	14
Newport Legion C	8	1	3	4	13
Market Drayton Legion C	8	1	2	5	11

Billiards Table

	P	W	D	L	P
Market Drayton Leg A	8	6	0	2	26
Market Drayton Leg B	7	5	0	2	21
Hodnet B	8	4	0	4	19
Newport Legion	8	3	0	5	16
Hodnet A	7	1	0	6	13

Wrekin Shortmat Bowls League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
N'port Cwn Gn B	5	4	1	0	72	44	9
Madeley Court B	6	3	1	2	54	64	7
Broseley Vic B	6	3	0	3	64	80	6
St. Georges C	5	2	0	3	51	64	4
N'port Cwn Gn C	3	1	1	1	37	24	3
N'port Cwn Gn A	5	1	1	3	55	51	3
Ketley Bank B	4	1	0	3	35	41	2

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Madeley Court C	6	6	0	0	128	26	12
Shrewsbury	6	5	0	1	76	50	10
Broseley Vic A	6	4	0	2	92	49	8
St Georges A	6	2	0	4	62	65	4
Newport SBC A	6	2	0	4	44	74	4
Ketley Bank D	6	2	0	4	49	87	4
N'port Cwn Gn D	6	0	0	6	27	127	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Randlay A	6	5	0	1	73	45	10
N'port Cwn Gn E	5	3	0	2	78	38	6
Ketley Bank E	5	3	0	2	54	47	6
Dawley C	5	2	0	3	47	59	4
Ketley Bank C	5	2	0	3	50	67	4
Dawley E	4	1	0	3	38	56	2
Dawley D	4	1	0	3	31	59	2

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St Georges B	5	4	0	1	97	28	8
Sutton Hill D	4	4	0	0	62	32	8
Sutton Hill C	5	2	0	3	51	56	4
Sutton Hill B	4	2	0	2	39	53	4
St. Georges D	5	1	0	4	44	74	2
Dawley F	5	1	0	4	41	91	2

Broseley Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Red Lion	9	7	2	37	26	58
Lion B	9	7	2	36	27	57
Albion	9	6	3	37	26	55
Pressies	9	5	4	34	29	49
D/Outs	9	4	5	33	30	45
3 Lions	8	4	4	27	29	39
Old Boys	9	3	6	26	37	35
Cricket	9	2	7	26	37	32
Lion A	9	2	7	24	39	27

Olympians race home for a silver medal twice

Paul Jones

OSWESTRY Olympians finished second in both men's and women's races in the North Wales Cross Country League at Bangor.

Charlotte Jones was the best performer for the ladies, finishing 14th overall and coming second in the 35 category in a time of 21.42. The event was won by Telford AC's Michele Clarke.

For the men, Paul Jones led the way with second overall, and coming first in the 45 category in a time of 31.31. Rob Samuel, of Eryri Harriers, won the race in 30.10.

Results

Ladies (Olympians only): 14 Charlotte Jones, 2nd 35, 21.42; 16 Viv McDonnell, 1st 60, 21.50; 26 Jacqui Gears. 4th 40, 23.14; 34 Lou Williams, 6th 35, 24.02; 56 Yvonne Hill, 6th 50, 25.51; 57 Tania Brandon, 7th 50, 26.06; 58 Susie Hancock 5th 55, 26.12; 76 Julie LD, 11th 40, 27.29; 79 Liz Park, 12th 40. 27.56; 91. Ashling D-Harrison, 24th SL, 30.19: 101 Kelly Clarke. 106 finishers.

Men (Olympians only): 2 Paul Jones, 1st 45, 31.31; 12 Pete Butler, 8th SM 33.28; 28 Tim Tensely, 3rd 40, 35.25; 33 Craig Lomas, 5th 40, 35.55; 44 Brian Rather, 5th 45, 36.57; 47 Pete Jones, 6th 40, 37.12; 56 Tim Gears 8th 40, 37.56; 70 Steve Roberts, 2nd 60, 39.16; 100 David Card, 42nd SM, 41.27. 152 finishers.

Vic McConnell

Dave Card

St Martins slide further into trouble

ST MARTINS slipped deeper into basement strife in the West Midlands League division one after crashing 7-2 at fellow strugglers FC Stafford, **writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.**

Defeat sees the Saints now languishing third from bottom, having fallen below their hosts on goal difference as their poor run of results continued.

They have now shipped in 25 goals in their last four outings, but were again left to reflect on not taking their chances before a late flurry of goals made for a harsh final scoreline.

Again having to make late changes, the depleted Saints were soon up against it after conceding a couple of sloppy goals to trail 2-0 at the break.

After the interval, they reduced the arrears with a Jamie Hands penalty after Shawn Melusi was brought down in the box.

Melusi had a golden chance to level when being put through but could not beat the keeper, and Stafford broke to extend their advantage.

Matt Stone pulled one back to keep the visitors in the hunt but, after conceding a poor fourth goal, their challenge fell away before ending up well beaten.

"It was the same story," said manager Craig Rogers. "The players were good enough to win the game, even their manager said we were the better side, but once the fourth goal went in we lost our way.

"We're bang in trouble. Somehow we have to end this cycle of defeats, but I believe we will stay up."

Eagles flying at last with derby cup win

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

OSWESTRY'S rugby players ended their long wait for a first win of he season when securing a welcome 27-16 triumph at derby rivals Shrewsbury in the first round of the North Mids Shield.

It has been a tough start to the season for the Eagles who, since their promotion to the South Lancs and Cheshire One, had lost all 11 league games to lie firmly at the foot of the table.

But they gave themselves a timely boost by booking their place in the quarter-finals of the North Mids Shield with a stirring display against their local rivals. They now host either Woodrush or Upton on Severn in the last eight.

Shrewsbury started with purpose, with their big pack holding sway in the early exchanges, but their attacking endeavours were met by terrific defensive resilience from the visitors.

Going forward, new boy Andrew Aiono showed superb skills along with centre Andy Merrett, who looked to cut through the home defence with telling effect.

And the Eagles were ahead when good work from Ryan Sorrell and scrum half Nick Clay created quick ball from the ruck, which was spun out to speedy winger Tom Dickson who stormed over in the corner for an unconverted score.

Buoyed by the breakthrough, the Eagles started to play with real belief, but Shrewsbury had another ideas as they looked to probe forward, with their efforts resulting in their visitors conceding a penalty which they kicked to reduce the gap to 5-3.

Both teams produced some good work as they looked to take the local bragging rights, with Oswestry settling down to show they were going to be a tough nut to crack.

Urged on by captain Andy Smith, the Eagles looked to penetrate the Shrewsbury defence with a series of rucks and mauls getting closer to the hosts' try line.

And a second score came from a line-out, with the ball quickly passed out to Dickson who again showed his speed to outpace the covering defence for another unconverted try in the corner to carve a 10-3 advantage at the interval.

Now with a new confidence not seen in the first half of this season, Oswestry started to outpace the Shrewsbury men while holding the hosts' big pack at bay.

Clay was able to produce quick ball to Sorrell who again pushed his backs to gain ground, while the visitors were denied another break by some saw foul play which saw Shrewsbury reduced to 14 men for 10 minutes.

The Oswestry defence closes in on Shrewsbury's Killian Casey during the timely win at Sundorne Castle

The Eagles were now out mauling the county town men, and No8 Rich Owen bulldozed his way through the defence to score another terrific score to extend the lead.

A penalty had kept Shrewsbury in the hunt at 15-6, and they looked to make more inroads only to be met by some resilient defending.

However, a lack of discipline saw Oswestry have two men sin binned in the space of a few minutes, before the hosts were awarded a penalty try after the visitors conceded a string of penalties.

With the Os lead now trimmed to 15-13, the tie was in the balance, but the visitors responded in fine style, putting together some fine moves and offloads.

Another good throw from Andy Smith to Andy Merrett in the line-out saw the Eagles drive through the line with Merrett touching down and sub Louis MacIntyre converting for a 22-13 lead.

Shrewsbury responded with a penalty, but the Eagles gave themselves sone breathing space when Luca Owen Youens launched a strong run from deep, handing off a string of attempted tackles before going over in the corner for a fine solo effort.

It was a stirring team display from Oswestry, while the Lanyon Bowdler man-of-the-match for his outstanding work rate over the game went to Matt Colee.

Buoyed by the win, the Eagles return to the league games next week away to Widnes, while the second string are at home to Macclesfield.

Second half slip so costly for COBRA

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

COBRA are heading for a religion dogfight in the North Wales League division one after suffering a disappointing 32-15 reverse at fellow strugglers Ruthin.

Looking for much needed points, the Meifod side had led 15-10 at half time, but it all went wrong after the break with defeat pushing them into the bottom two after being leapfrogged by their hosts.

They were again hampered by the absence of some influential backs, and it was Ruthin who made the most of their opportunities with some strong running from their own three-quarter line.

It started well enough with the visitors getting two tries in the first half, the first of which saw scrum half Bryn Davies go over after 15 minutes with a sniping run after some pressure on the 22, the conversion missed.

The Blues responded and, after some good work by fly half Jamie Jones, the ball was passed out to centre Iestyn Davies who went over the whitewash with centre Nathan Jones converting.

The lead did not last long, however, as the visitors were straight back in the Ruthin half and, after driving towards the line, were awarded a penalty try which Will Worthington converted for a 12-7 lead.

Play was switching from end to end and the Meifod visitors went further ahead with a penalty goal from Worthington five minutes before the break.

The Blues clawed back three points almost straight away with a penalty goal from Nathan Jones and the half ended with COBRA ahead 15-10.

But Ruthin were quickly back in the hunt after the interval when capitalising on a mistake to get their noses in front by two points courtesy of a converted score from Jamie Jones.

COBRA had a penalty under the posts, but opted to run, which came to nothing, and Ruthin made the most of their reprieve

The visitors went down to 14 men with a yellow card for Worthington and the Blues capitalised with another penalty goal from Nathan Jones.

Moments later, wing Huw Parry was released by Jamie Jones and jigged past a couple of defenders for a fine try converted by Nathan Jones.

With 20 minutes to go and a 12-point lead, Ruthin were playing with confidence in their search for the bonus point try.

Wing Kyle Davies finally broke through COBRA's defence with five minutes remaining for an unconverted try, and the game played out with the Blues winning 32-15.

Defeat marked the second disappointing trip to Ruthin for the Llanfair Caereinion side following their North Wales Cup defeat against the same opposition a few weeks back

It's been a tough campaign for COBRA who were walloped 80-7 at high flying Nant Conwy to remain deep in relegation danger.

They now have a weekend off, before facing another crunch clash at home to struggling Colwyn Bay the following Saturday.

WELSHPOOL maintained their creditable run of form in the North Two East with a 20-19 victory away to Flint where they have often struggled in the past.

Having overcome promotion chasing Llanidloes 28-26 the week before, it was another pleasing result for the Maesydre men who are pointing to brighter times ahead this season.

With Newtown losing 29-7 at Machynlleth, victory lifted Welshpool up to fifth in the league, one point behind Llangollen who they entertain on Saturday.

In a big weekend for the club, Welshpool's youngsters put up a spirited effort before going down 31-11 to Pontypool United in the last 16 of the WRU National Youth Bowl.

Playing at the famous Pontypool Park ground that has hosted international teams in the past, Welshpool were in the hunt a 14-11 down at half time, before two late tries gave the home side a flattering margin of victory.

Fullback Michael Jones scored all of Pool's points, with a try and two penalties.

Latest golf returns from Shropshire golf clubs

BRIDGNORTH

Ladies' Centenary Trophy Knockout Winner: A Grove. Runner Up: V Statham.

Birdie Cup Winner: H Seeley 41pts. Runner Up: N Stiles 36pts (on back 9 from A Grove).

Medal 16 Silver Division: S Holmyard 92-18-74. Bronze Division: M Radford 105-30-75.

Trixie Murphy Rosebowl Winner: S Holmyard 92-18=74. Runner Up: V Statham 98-19-79.

Stableford 17 Winner: H Seeley 41pts. Runner Up: G Barker 39pts.

Medal 17 Silver Division: J Davies 94-16-78. Bronze Division: J Reade 103-32-71.

Brenda Camm Shield (9 Holes) Winner: M Radford 22pts. Runner Up: J Read 17pts.

HENLLE PARK

Mixed Christmas Comp: D Edwards & J Maxted 43pts; T & K Gleave 42pts (cb); R Grindley & A Tomley 42pts.

Club Individual Stableford Division 1: C Jones 41pts (cb); M A Jones 41pts; D S Jones 38pts. Division 2: B Mackenzie 41pts; G Peate 39pts; R Harris 36pts.

Club Greensomes: D S Jones & J Parry 59.5pts; J Dimelow & C Jones 60pts; J Williams & L Byrne 67pts.

Seniors' Turkey Trot Stableford Division 1: B Clarke 37pts; T Gleave 36pts. Division 2: B Milburn 42pts; J Bostock 41pts.

Bowmaker: J Postle, C Chare & A Wright 88pts; C Andrews, T Gleave & P Coombes 87pts; T Davies, P Hampson & A Elwin 83pts.

OSWESTRY

Four Ball Better Ball Medal: P Pardoe & D Pardoe 58; R Rees & I Bowe 60 (cb); F Mottram & I Bowe 60 (cb); N Suckley & F Mottram 60; J Poole & W Woodward 62 (cb); M Jones & S Foulkes 62.

Ladies' Individual Medal: J Jones 36 and R Wigley 36; S Weaver 41; M Dunbar 41.5.

Eclectic First Silver: D Jones 73-10.5/8=62.3/8. Second Silver: M Male 75-11.7/8 =63.1/8. First Bronze: J Jones 75-13.6/8=61.2/8. Second Silver: A Davies 76-13.6/8= 62.2/8.

Draw For Partners AM AM: R Wigley, S Watanabe, HP S MacKenzie 69pts; C Johnson, D Hall. K Jones 66pts; M Alford, B Bewley, J Williams 66pts; M Brogden, D Mottram, A Barker 65pts. (Nine holes): J Davies, S Wilson, J Mitchel 35pts; J Taylor, C Bradley, W Horan 32pts.

Tinsel & Turkey AM AM Stableford (18 Holes): M Male, M Ratcliffe, M M Evans 85pts; J Taylor, E Gill, P Davies 84pts; C Bradley, R Morris, M Landgrebe 81pts (cb); V Challinor, J Foster, G Griffiths 81pts (cb); A Davies, S Graham Wood, E Moss 81pts (cb).

THE BROW

Winter League No 5: B Stuttard 24pts; T Brough 23; K Abbott 23; T Williams 22; L Carter 22; G Gregory 22; J Williams 22.

Christmas Competition No 3: D Talbot 39pts; I Davies 39; B Stuttard 38; P Morris, M Clark, T Williams, P Fairbank 34.

WREKIN

Seniors' Winter Stableford 5 (15 Holes): M Perks 29-12; B English 28-16; A Shorthose 27-17.

It's high fives for Guilsfield in Emrys Cup

GUILSFIELD reserves kept their flag flying in the Emrys Morgan Cup after putting paid to Penybont 5-2 home at home.

Dan Pritchard, George Clifton, Phil Turnbull, John Lloyd and Luke Francis all found the net to take their side into the fourth round.

Elsewhere, **LLANFYLLIN** moved into the second round of the Tanners Cup with a 3-0 passage at home to Maesyrhandir. Khyam Wyton (2) and Tamir Law were on target for the Montgomeryshire League division one high fliers.

Second placed Trewern United kept up the pressure in the Montgomeryshire League division two as they trounced Kerry reserves 5-0 to move to within two points of leaders Carno reserves with two games in hand.

Trefonen slipped up 3-2 at home to Newtown Wanderers in the same division to remain in the lower reaches, while lowly Llanfechan finished 3-3 with Welshpool Town reserves.

■ Having not played for three weeks, Morda United again had no Montgomeryshire League division one fixture on Saturday - and will not see action again until after

Ladies side win a seven goal thriller

OSWESTRY Ladies pulled off a fine 4-3 win over Chester Ladies to get back on track in the Cheshire Women's Hockey League division two.

The week before, they had to concede their clash at Brooklands Poynton Ladies, and slipped into the lower half of the table after being deducted points.

But they put the setback behind them to win a seven-goal thriller against their visitors from Chester, and now face a big test at leaders Golborne Ladies on Saturday.

Spot-on Llanfair are toasting cup victory

FOOTBALL

A PENALTY from Paul Griffiths secured Llanfair United's place in the fourth round of the JD Welsh Cup for the first time in their history after overcoming battling Corwen 1-0 at the Mount Field.

Griffiths made no mistake from the spot on the half hour to see off the Welsh National League visitors, but Llanfair had their work cut out before progressing in the competition.

Corwen, 6-1 conquerors of Buckley in the previous round, proved a handful as they scented another shock against Cymru Alliance opposition, and United had to defend resolutely to protect their narrow one goal advantage.

"They made it hard for us, just as we had expected, but the main thing is that we got though," said boss Rhys Stephens.

"We had three good chances to get a second goal early in the second half, didnt take any of them, and when you do that you make it hard for ourselves. But in the end, it was job done, and we are now in the last 16."

Llanfair started brightly, carving the first good chance of the game inside five minutes when Griffiths made his way into the box before seeing his shot saved. Moments later, Dan Kenyon fired just wide from 20 yards in a promising openings for the home side.

Corwen, however, sounded a warning when going close with Tom Williams smashing a free kick just wide of the far post from 25 yards, before a dangerous cross was snuffed out by a timely clearance from Luke Gethin

After riding the storm, Llanfair improved and the pace of their front runners began to cause problems for the Corwen defence.

And they took the lead on 31 minutes when Andrew Hughes was upended as he made his way into the penalty area and Griffiths coolly stepped up to convert from the spot.

Scrappy

Llanfair began the second half strongly and created some good chances, with Ryan Davies going close with a headed effort from a corner and Andrew Hughes just wide form six yards.

With the tie becoming increasingly scrappy, Hughes was again presented with a golden opportunity, but failed to steer his header on target.

James Davies then raced through on 70 minutes, chipped the keeper, but the ball went agonisingly wide of the goal as a second goal proved elusive for the hosts.

Corwen kept battling hard and created some tense moments for the Llanfair defence that managed to clear their lines each time.

At the other end, Davies was denied by a goal-line clearance when beating the keeper to long clearance, but one goal was enough for United to book their place in the last 16 of the Welsh Cup for the first time.

Despite having Jake Cook sent off, **GUILSFIELD** also progressed with a 3-0 passage at Greenfield thanks to second half goals from player boss Dan Barton (46), Louis Irvine (60) and Andy Ford (70). Cook was given his marching orders nine minutes before half-time, somewhat harshly for dangerous play.

Cymru Alliance rivals Penrhyncoch crashed 6-0 at Rhyl where both sides finished with 10 men, Gareth Mansell dismissed for the Roosters and Alex Jones for the hosts following a melee on the hour.

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance (2.30 unless stated): Gresford Athletic v Flint Town United (2), Llanfair United v Caersws (2), Penrhyncoch v Holyhead Hotspur (2), Buckley Town v Caernarfon Town, Denbigh Town v Porthmadog, Guilsfield v Prestatyn Town, Mold Alex v Conwy Borough, Ruthin Town v Holywell Town.

Red Kites grounded as leaders lose at last

LLANRHAEADR sentenced Rhayader Town to their first defeat of the season in the Spar Mid Wales League division one when prevailing 2-1 at home to the high flying Red Kites.

After a goalless first half, Iain Edmunds (penalty) and Endaf Owens were both on target in the second half for Llan who moved up to sixth courtesy of their victory.

It was nip and tuck for most part, with Marc Griffiths going close when lobbing against the bar, while at the other end keeper Harry Matthews pulled off a superb save to ensure the first half remained goalless.

After the break, Llanrhaeadr were ahead when Edmunds converted a penalty awarded for handball, and the advantage was doubled when Owens volleyed a Griffiths cross against the post before putting in the rebound.

Despite not at their best, third placed Carno stayed in range of the leaders after edging out Machynlleth 1-0 while Bow Street consolidated fourth fourth after their 4-2 verdict at lowly Tywyn Bryncrug.

With just one win to their names this season, **MONTGOMERY** remain marooned at the foot of the table after slumping 4-0 at Aberaeron who ran out convincing winners through Matty Davies, Jamie Butler, Thomas Jones and Sion Clarke.

Radnor Valley drew 2-2 at home to Hay St Mary's who earned parity through Brendan Hackett and Steve Morgan.

DYFFRYN BANW won 2-0 at fellow strugglers **FOUR CROSSES** to boost hopes of escaping the second division basement.

At the other end of the table, second placed Kerry kept up the pressure on the leaders after overcoming lowly Penybont 2-1 with a battling display.

Aberystwyth University continued their resurgence with a 5-2 beating of Newbridge while Abermule also hit five as they trounced Dolgellau 5-0 to move to sixth.

Davies nets three more for Berriew

HOT-SHOT Richard Davies fired a hat-trick as Berriew kept Welshpool Town languishing in the Spar Mid Wales League division one basement in a 7-1 romp at Maesydre.

The victory took the Rhiewsiders top of the table on goal difference from Rhayader Town, who succumbed 2-1 at Llanrhaeadr.

It was also a night to remember for man-of-the-match Richard Davies who bagged a hat-trick to continue his prolific campaign. It was his fourth three-goal haul in his last five outings, and took his tally to 29 goals from 23 games.

Chris Carroll, Rob Pritchard, Steve Roberts and a James Watkins own goal were the other contributors for the rampant Rhiewsiders who are now unbeaten in 14 outings in all competitions.

Will Pritchard netted a consolation for Pool whose cause was not helped after the league strugglers picked up more injuries, with Dan Bowen forced off after 25 minutes and goalscorer Pritchard at half time. Carroll put Berriew on course when scoring direct with a free kick, before Will Pritchard had the home side level.

Rob Pritchard then restored the visitors' lead, and a third goal came right on half time when a Carroll free kick was headed into his own net by Watkins.

Playing down the slope in the second period, there was no stopping Berriew who made it four when Davies slotted home after breaking through one-on-one.

The livewire Davies has revelled in his switch from winger to centre forward this term, and added a second from the penalty spot after being brought down in the box.

Steve Roberts volleyed No6 before Davies headed a Stef Rogers cross to complete his hat-trick.

Lights out as Rangers lead 4-0

Ellesmere Rangers' Harry Morris goes on the attack at Bridgnorth with Josh Dodd closing in

ELLESMERE Rangers are in the dark after floodlit failure saw their West Midlands Premier match at AFC Bridgnorth abandoned.

Richard Brown's men were 4-0 up after 55 minutes when some of the Crown Meadow lights went out.

And while Brown hopes his side will be awarded the points, he fears a restaging is the most likely outcome.

"A couple of lights either side of the pitch went out just after we had scored our fourth goal," said Brown.

"It's frustrating for us, but these things happen from time to time.

"It's down to the league to decide what happens.

"I am hoping we will be awarded the points, but it will probably have to be replayed."

Ellesmere were comfortably in charge after two goals from Josh Brown and one each from Will Twyford and Jamie Haynes.

Brown and Twford both struck in the opening half with Haynes netting a penalty early in the second period and Brown lashing home a stunning strike just before the lights went out.

Haughmond are still sitting pretty at the top of the table following an impressive 2-0 victory at Stone Old Alleynians.

The visitors had to withstand some early pressure, but keeper Sam Jones was in inspired form and made a number of fine saves.

Matt Burton's title-chasing side then started to come into the contest and struck first after 30 minutes. Adam Davies beat a couple of defenders before firing home from just inside the box.

Haughmond struck again five minutes later when Scott Graham latched onto a loose pass and provided a clinical finish.

The second period continued with chances for all the Haughmond strikers with the pick a fierce shot from 30 yards by Davies that rocked the crossbar.

Shifnal Town had to settle for a point from an entertaining clash with Bilston Town Community.

The hosts led three times but were pegged back on each occasion.

A lively start to the contest saw Shifnal strike first when Nathan Jackson headed home Jeff Agyeman's precise cross from the right.

But Bilston levelled in the seventh minute when Roland Agbor's low free-kick from the left was stabbed home by Todd Perry.

Shifnal regained the lead on 16 minutes following good work by Tom Hill. He won the ball on the right wing, and his cross was headed in by Jordan Jones.

Ross Clarke went close for Bilston after 32 minutes with a blistering 25-yard free-kick which Tom Whittaker saved at the second attempt.

But the game was all square again a minute before the interval when Bilston's Jayden McCalla coolly slotted home from the edge of the penalty area, with the home defence vainly appealing for offside.

Agbor went close in the 52nd minute, outstripping two defenders before hitting the woodwork from an acute angle.

But Shifnal were back in front on the hour. Agyeman chased a ball down the right and his cross-come-shot came back off the crossbar to Hill, whose shot was touched past Ben Holden by Toby Lumbard.

But Bilston rallied again with McCalla holding off two defenders before crashing the ball home from 15 yards.

Only a fine save by Whittaker denied McCalla his hat-trick moments later.

A lively game ended with Shifnal playing out the final 10 minutes or so with 10 men after Jackson was shown a straight red card following a rumpus in front of the dug-outs.

Hartshorn red takes edge off Town win

FC OSWESTRY Town moved into the play-off places in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one after sinking Cheadle Town 2-1 at Park Hall.

Goals from Brendon Price and sub Dave Hartshorn secured the points to lift Town into sixth position as they continue to prosper in their first season in the new league.

However, victory - their fifth in a row - was marred with goalscorer Hartshorn being sent off late on following a skirmish.

"It was probably the poorest we've played since I've been involved with the club, but we got the right result and it kept our run going," said manager Mike Barton.

"We're now in the top six, and the challenge now is to stay there."

Town included highly rated forward Dan Tinsley, a signing from high flying Whitchurch Alport, but his debut ended early after picking up a foot injury.

Town were in front seven minutes after the interval when Harris released Price who broke through one-on-one before slotting past the keeper. Cheadle levelled six minutes later through Michael Sherrington who volleyed in from 12 yards.

But Hartshorn, who came on as substitute for injured Tinsley, continued his recent scoring form by restoring the advantage on 67 minutes when heading in a Matt Jones cross..

That was how the scoring remained, although there was a feisty finish when a challenge on Harris resulted in a melee that saw Hartshorn sent off.

Town now look to keep up the momentum with a tricky trip away to Prestwich Heys on Saturday.

FC Oswestry Town reserves, meanwhile, saw their unbeaten run in the Mercian Regional League division one halted with a 7-1 hammering at Craven Arms.

TNS head to Cardiff for big cup final

THIS year's final of the Welsh Nathaniel MG Cup will head to the capital when The New Saints take on Barry Town at the home of Cardiff Met's Cyncoed Campus.

The showpiece event will take place on Saturday, January 21, when holders TNS look to lift the trophy for the third successive season.

Barry, the former giants of the Welsh Premier in he 1990s, are in the Welsh League Division One outfit these days where they currently occupy a healthy fourth position in the table.

Gavin Chesterfield's men have their sights firmly set on promotion back to the Welsh Premier League this season, and have already knocked out two sides from the top flight en route to the final - Cardiff Met and Carmarthen Town, who, they both defeated 1-0 at Jenner Park.

The Saints, however, will start firm favourites having been in unstoppable form this season, winning all 16 league games to date, and 22 in all competitions.

After entering the competition at the quarter-final stage as holders, TNS reached the final with a 2-0 win at Bangor City followed by a 1-0 passage at gap Connah's Quay, after the first match had been abandoned due to fog.

■ TNS boss Craig Harrison continued his monopoly of the Dafabet Welsh Premier managerial awards after taking the accolade for the fourth successive time this season.

The Saints chief scooped the award for November after his side maintained their relentless form when taking their tally to 16 consecutive Welsh Premier wins - a record for the league - after defeating Airbus UK 4-0 at Park Hall. That followed victories away at Bangor City (2-1) and Carmarthen Town (4-2)

Meanwhile, the Saints' trip to Rhyl, which was postponed due to fog, has been rearranged for next Wednesday (December 14).

Three and easy for New Saints in cup

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

HOLDERS The New Saints maintained their record-breaking winning streak by launching their defence of the JD Welsh Cup with a 3-0 third round success against Newtown at Latham Park.

After a goalless first half, midfielder Jon Routledge struck twice to put the Saints on course for victory, making it four goals in his last two outings, before Scott Quigley settled the issue with a close range effort.

Newtown gave it a good go, frustrated TNS, but were unable to turn their spells of pressure into goals as their high flying visitors registered their 22nd successive victory in all competitions this season.

Despite struggling in the Welsh Premier basement, the Robins were up for the battle against Craig Harrison's Saints who had swept all before them in the league.

They almost took an early lead when Jamie Price's low free kick was parried by keeper Paul Harrison, before the visitors' defence scrambled back to clear the rebound from Shane Sutton.

In a repeat of the 2015 final at Latham Park, TNS dominated possession for most part, but were held in check by the Robins in the first half.

Wes Fletcher volleyed over on 15 minutes, before the striker was denied by Craig Williams after breaking clear following a slip by Sutton.

Quigley then curled an effort straight at home stopper Dave Jones, but for much of the first half, chances were at a premium.

Newtown came out for the second period with purpose, Luke Boundford nodding a Price free kick over, before Neil Mitchell's shot was gathered by Harrison.

But the Saints never looked back after making the breakthrough 10 minutes into the second period when Ryan Brobbel headed Quigley's deflected shot across goal for Routledge to volley home from six yards.

Spurred by the goal, the Saints - chasing a fourth successive Welsh Cup triumph - went from strength to strength as they looked to kill off the tie.

Fletcher forced keeper Jones into a superb one handed save from his back heel, before the impressive Routledge doubled the lead midway through the half when shrugging off a couple of tackles to slot home his second goal of the game.

Aeron Edwards volleyed wide when well placed, but Newtown refused to surrender and had strong claims for handball turned down following a goalmouth scramble.

However, hopes of the home team retrieving the tie ended 12 minutes from time as Chris Seargeant latched onto a ball over the top before crossing to the back post for Quigley to slot into an empty net and seal his side's passage into the fourth round.

Despite the scoreline, Newtown boss Chris Hughes praised his charges, who became the latest side to succumb to the TNS juggernaut.

"I thought we did well throughout, and it probably wasn't a 3-0 game," he said. "Tactically we got it right and troubled them in parts, but they took their chances and were clinical. We've had a great chance early on, but they capitalised twice on our lack of concentration in the second half."

Nicoll lands Gold Coast cash boost

WELSHPOOL shot-putter Adele Nicoll is adamant that the decision by the Welsh Athletics Board to continue her funding will enable her to right the wrongs of her 2014 Commonwealth Games qualification campaign.

Nicoll has been retained for support by the Welsh athletic governing body, as part of the 'Commonwealth Games Potential Support Fund', along with eight other athletes.

The former Oswestry Olympian failed to reach the Glasgow Games in 2014 as a 17-year-old, but now admits it was ultimately for the best as she targets the Gold Coast for 2018.

"It was very disappointing for me as I wanted to make the Commonwealth team," said the 20-year-old, part of the SSE Next Generation programme.

"I had a lot of things going on that season and injuries. Initially, I was so disappointed in myself.

"Looking back I was 17 so I hadn't let anyone down. It was a big ask for me to qualify for those games.

"It was a big learning curve and I'm happy the first games I'm realistically targeting are Gold Coast 2018. I can be competitive, as opposed to Glasgow where I would have just been making up the numbers. If I make the team there in Australia, it's anybody's game."

Along with the funding, there are other benefits of being included on the Welsh Athletics programme. Selected athletes have access to a support grant as well as cash help for warm weather training camps and access to selected training venues.

And Nicoll, who also has a Welsh senior discus bronze medal under her belt, has plenty of reason to be optimistic.

"My next shot put target is 17 metres and I'm more than confident I can achieve that," she added.

"If I throw 17m and beyond I get into a position where I can start to compete amongst the best seniors in the world.

"I won bronze at the senior British Championships this year. That was my first stepping stone onto senior stage and hopefully there is no looking back now."

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Eagles have landed with a first victory

IT was a long time coming, but Oswestry's rugby players ended their three-month wait for a first win of the season with a 27-16 triumph at county rivals Shrewsbury in the first round of the North Mids Shield.

Since their promotion to the South Lancs and Cheshire One this term, the Eagles have lost all 11 league games to lie firmly at the foot of the table.

But they gave themselves a timely tonic by booking their place in the quarter-finals of the Shield with a stirring display against their local rivals. They now host either Woodrush or Upton on Severn in the last eight.

Boosted by the timely victory, the Eagles now look for a change of fortune in the league when they head to mid-table Widnes on Saturday.

Stephens wants new footnote in history

FOOTBALL

AFTER making history by reaching the last 16 of the JD Welsh Cup, Llanfair United look to write another chapter in the club's record books after being handed home advantage in the next round.

Llanfair will welcome Cefn Duids or Llantwit Major in the fourth round on January 28.

Cymru Alliance neighbours Guilsfield and Welsh Premier big guns The New Saints have also been handed home ties – the Guils face Cardiff Met University at Clos Mytton while holders TNS tackle lower league Llanelli Town at Park Hall.

Llanfair boss Rhys Stephens is happy with the home draw, but admits his side face a stern challenge against either side.

"You would have thought it will be Cefn, and to have a Welsh Premier side at home is a great draw for us," he said. "They are a good side.

"If Llantwit get through, people will think it will give us more of a chance. But that will be another tough one, as it means they have won away at Cefn Druids."

Stephens, whose troops return to league duty at home to Powys rivals Caersws on Saturday (2pm), is delighted to be in the last 16 for the first time in the club's history after sinking Corwen 1-0 through Paul Griffiths' penalty.

"Corwen made it hard for us, just as we had expected, but the main thing is that we got through," he said.

GUILSFIELD – who won 3-0 at Greenfield in the third round – will have a first ever meeting with Cardiff Met University. The students have made their mark with some swashbuckling displays in their first season in the Welsh Premier.

Before then, the third placed Guils try to maintain their challenge in the Cymru Alliance with Saturday's big home showdown against leaders Prestatyn Town (2.30pm). "It's our biggest game of the season," said boss Dan Barton.

Jake Cook will miss the game – he is suspended for three matches after being red-carded in the Greenfield clash.

SAINTS FACING A TOUGH EXAM

FOOTBALL

THE New Saints look to extend their perfect start to the season when they entertain the Dafabet Welsh Premier's surprise package Cardiff Met University at Park Hall on Saturday (2.30pm).

The defending champions have swept all before them this season, winning all 16 league games, as well as six outings in various cup competitions.

They now come up against a Cardiff Met side that has impressed since their promotion to the top flight, having climbed four points clear in fifth spot following a sequence of impressive results. They have lost just once in their last seven outings.

The Saints were made to battle by the students before prevailing 2-1 at the Cyncoed Campus earlier in the season, and boss Craig Harrison anticipates another stern encounter – the first of three big games in eight days.

"We've got a tough week coming up, with Cardiff Met, then Rhyl on Wednesday and Gap Connah's Quay the following Saturday," said Harrison.

"If we still have a 100 per cent record after those three, then I will be more than happy.

"First up is Cardiff Met who are flying at the moment, and we're looking forward to the challenge.

"The good thing is we're getting key players back at key times, with only Jamie Mullan, Robbie Parry and Jacob Farleigh out at the moment."

Winger Adrian Cieslewicz, who has been training for the past five weeks after recovering from a head injury suffered in August, could be back in contention to add to Harrison's selection options.

Runaway leaders TNS stayed on course for a third successive treble this season after reaching the last 16 of the Welsh Cup with a 3-0 passage at Newtown last weekend.

Harrison felt his side fully merited the victory at Latham Park, despite being frustrated by Newtown's approach.

"They wanted to spoil the game and waste time right from the first whistle, which was very frustrating," he added.

"We were the only side trying to win the game, but we knew that if we kept doing what we believe in, then the opportunities would come. Once we got the first goal, they had to come out more which suited us."

In the fourth round, the Saints have been drawn at home to Welsh League division two high fliers Llanelli – one-time giants of the Welsh Premier – who swept to a 5-1 home win over Ynysygerwn.

Among the scorers in the Reds' victory was former Swansea City marksman Lee Trundle who last visited Park Hall in February 2012 when netting one of the goals for now disbanded Neath in their 2-1 win.

Reflecting on their tie with Llanelli, captain and goalkeeper Paul Harrison said; "It's a good draw, but they are a tough rival from the past and we cannot underestimate them."

The game will take place at Park Hall on January 28, a week after the Saints meet Barry Town in the final of the Nathaniel MG Cup at Cardiff Met's Cyncoed Campus.

Before then, the Saints have some key games, including the rearranged trip to Rhyl on Wednesday. The following Saturday they visit Gap, who proved a handful when the sides recently met in the Nathaniel MG Cup semi-final before the Saints prevailed with a goal from Scott Quigley.

Penalty perfection from Paul

Spot on – Paul Griffiths converts a penalty as Llanfair United beat Corwen 1-0 to reach the last 16 of the JD Welsh Cup for the first time. Pic: Jonathan Richards. Report: Page 39.

Lucky seven has Berriew right on top

NEW leaders Berriew look to retain their lofty position at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division one by stretching their unbeaten sequence to 15 games at home to Bow Street on Saturday (2.30pm).

With leaders Rhayader Town losing 2-1 at Llanrhaeadr, the Rhiewsiders now sit proudly at the summit on goal difference following their 7-1 hammering of lowly Welshpool.

"We played very well and it could have been more," said boss Dave Jones after the success against his former club.

"We were confident of getting a result, but did not think we would win by so many as Welshpool have only been losing by the odd goal since Neil (Pryce) and Chris (Roberts) took over.

"We've now got three home games before Christmas, and we're looking to keep the run going."

Richard Davies fired a hat-trick against Welshpool, a fourth three-goal haul in his last five outings taking his tally to 29 goals from 23 games in all competitions this season.

Welshpool, desperate for points, now face a tough trip to joint leaders Rhayader Town who will want to get back on track after last week's loss.

Llanrhaeadr, buoyed by their win over the title chasers, turn to the Spar League Cup when they welcome Machynlleth in the second round (1.30pm).

Second division Dyffryn Banw are away to Radnor Valley in the same competition as they look to build on last week's success against Four Crosses.

Llansantffraid Village are in second division action on Friday night with a clash against second-placed Kerry at Treflan.

FC OSWESTRY TOWN, now in the play-off places in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one after five straight wins, have a tricky trip to Greater Manchester on Saturday to tackle Prestwich Heys.

It's a glove story again for Clarke

JOE CLARKE has mixed feelings about his batting despite top-scoring for England Lions as they completed a clean sweep against the UAE in Dubai.

But the former Shropshire star was happy to show the Lions management that he still has what it takes as a wicketkeeper.

Clarke justified his position at number four in the Lions batting order by making 42, and sharing a crucial stand of 65 with Lancashire's Liam Livingstone after they had been reduced to 45-3.

He was annoyed at his failure to capitalise with a really big score in the 16-run win in front of national selector James Whitaker. But there was plenty of consolation in being given a rare chance behind the stumps – his first since Worcestershire's pre-season tour nine months ago in Abu Dhabi.

"It's good to have the gloves back on," he said. "The last time I kept in a match was on our pre-season tour. That's what you do the hard work with Bruce French for, to go out and compete in a game. To get a diving catch early felt great, and I was very happy with the way it went."

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